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WORTH CHECKING OUT

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Handoff for Mae Ritz

The public is invited to thank you reception for Mae Ritz next Tuesday, May 6, at 4 p.m. the Open House Session at the Stockton Center on Stockton Avenue. "This will be a good opportunity for her friends and her constituency to say thank you to Mae," said city clerk Linda Giddings.

Back at City Hall

The Albany City Council resumes meetings at City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave., next week after being moved out to meeting space at the library while the room was thoroughly furnished.

Prisoner on environment

District 14 Assembly member Dion Aroner will be the speaker at the May meeting of the West Contra Costa County Group of the Sierra Club, discussing environmental issues facing the state legislature. The meeting will be informal and participants to state concerns and ask questions, is at 7:30 p.m. in a choir room of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury in El Cerrito. Details: Bob Landshoff, 233-7333.

Del Norte EIR

A citizens group released a 135-page response this week to the draft environmental impact report for El Cerrito's Del Norte BART station mixed-use project. In addition to addressing what the group contends are flaws in the EIR, it also proposes four development alternatives for the Del Norte site that says would be more transit-oriented rather than auto-oriented. A copy of the response is available for review at the El Cerrito Library on Stockton Avenue.

Rodeo help wanted

Volunteers are being sought to help with the upcoming Bicycle Rodeo, the latest outreach effort of the Albany Police Department. If you can help with this bike safety event scheduled May 17 at Cornell School, call reserve officer George at 528-5777, ext. 18. The event, which starts at 3 p.m. on the playground of the school at 920 Talbot Ave., will include a drawing for a bicycle and 100 helmets. Watch this space for more details.

On the air

Fans of local high school sports will want to check out "Prep Sports Showcase," with host

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Albany Hill landmark toppled by vandals

By Chris Treadway

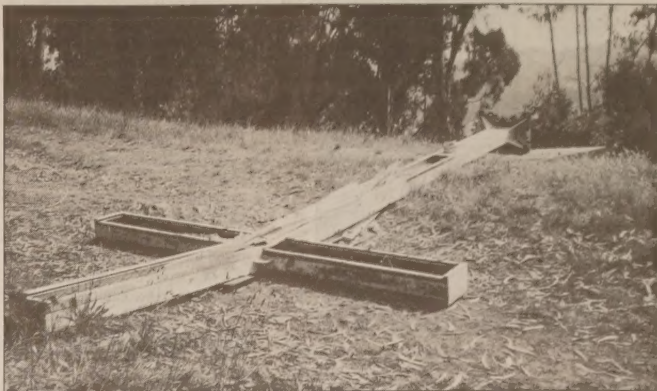
"It's really a shame. God's going to punish whoever did that."

That was the comment Tuesday morning of a stroller on Albany Hill who had just passed the 25-foot cross that was toppled by vandals last weekend.

Police say this was no act of random vandalism, but a deliberate targeting of the cross that has stood on the hill for 27 years. Specific

wrenches were used to undo the one-inch bolts that held the iron cross to its concrete base and wire cutters were employed to sever the guide wire and electrical connections that lit the cross during religious holidays. "Somebody is going to great extremes to damage that cross," said Albany police Sgt. Richard Haugner, who is investigating the case. He said it was also the target of two earlier incidents of

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The cross, vandalized at least two times before Easter, was toppled last weekend by someone who went to great lengths to loosen it from its foundation.

Photo: Chris Treadway

Middle school debate

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The road to a new middle school at the Hill Lumber site, some might say, has been a bumpy one. From the unheeded calls last summer from Albany and El Cerrito for an Environmental Impact Report to Mayor Bob Good's current campaign to stop the project entirely, the keepers of Albany's most treasured possession — schools — have slogged through wave after wave of debate.

As board members prepare for the more than \$45 million in projects they plan to pursue over the next decade, more snags remain to be worked out. On April 10, for

■ *Are the site and design of Albany's proposed middle school 'entirely inappropriate,' or are some people just 'resistant to change'? While the process is well along, some make the case that the issue hasn't been debated thoroughly enough or the community sufficiently consulted.*

example, the Albany Park and Recreation Commission voted unanimously against a plan to put portable classrooms at Memorial Park during construction of the high school, requesting more information.

The Traffic and Safety Commission requested more information on the closure of Spokane Avenue at Behrens Street last week (Evan Flavell, the commission's chair, says he will most likely vote against the move — other commissioners, he says, have yet to show their colors). According to El Cerrito City Planner Ed Phillips, though, his city is leaning toward closing Behrens, (and, by default, Spokane), and might proceed regardless of

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what Albany decides to do.

Others question plan

In a move that made many sit up and take notice, 37 teachers from the middle school signed a letter to the editor last month, asking, in the wake of cuts from the school's construction budget, "Why build a middle school if it's going to

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Photo: Noah Berger

The city has final say over use of the tennis courts (foreground) and basketball courts (back ground) at Memorial Park. Mayor Bob Good objects to district's plans to put temporary portable classrooms there.

Mayor in uphill battle against proposal

District says turning back now would mean losing state funding

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — During an interview on the Golden Gate Fields cardroom lawsuit about two weeks ago, Mayor Bob Good was asked about the previous holder of his post, Mike Brodsky. Always a fan the former mayor, Good spoke to the controversy that at times lingered around Brodsky's actions, saying personal attacks are often a sign of getting things done.

"I'd be flattered if someone were after my scalp," Good said.

Now, as Good continues his crusade against the Board of Education's plan to build a high school and a middle school simultaneously — questioning the board's ability to fund \$46 million worth of projects with a \$31.6 million bond — it seems as if that flattery is being given.

Casting the sole "no" in a 4-1 vote last week, Good opposed plans to negotiate use of a 6,900-square-foot portion of city-owned Memorial park as a temporary site for the high school. Ever the "independent voice," the mayor is now under attack, hip-deep in what could end up the most bitter fight of his political career.

"I do see he's getting people worried and I think that's a shame,"

says School Board President Marsha Skinner, calling Good's actions "very irresponsible and very disturbing."

"Quite honestly, I think the mayor is using any level of scare tactic he can," says Board Member Ed McManus.

Newly elected Boardmember Bill Cain, a former mayor himself, says Good might just have a conflict of interest in that he lives across the street from the park, and perhaps should recuse himself entirely.

"One can't help but wonder about Mayor 'Good's' private agenda," wrote three Albany residents in what surely will not be the last letter taking the mayor to task for his position.

But his honor is not dissuaded.

"I am encouraged by having personal attacks on me," Good says, vowing to fight on. "I have the courage of my own convictions. I believe I am right."

At issue, technically speaking, is the placement of 26.5 temporary classrooms and a three-room science wing on the tennis and basketball courts at Memorial Park. While Al-

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El Cerrito turns attention to city park upgrades

Bond measure may go on ballot

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Redevelopment proposals for various sections of the city have been the focus of community discussion for several months, but there are other issues of concern to residents, among them, the future of El Cerrito's community services and facilities. Last week's joint meeting between the City Council and the Park & Recreation Commission reached one firm conclusion on the subject: It will be a long time before any decisions can be made on what improvement projects should be undertaken and how the city will pay for them.

The possibility that a bond measure might be presented to the voters, perhaps in 1998, has been raised publicly in recent weeks. The City Council has set upgrading of the city's parks and facilities as a high priority.

Parks chair Jon Bashor said this week, though, that the commission is nowhere near ready to set any parameters for a bond measure, or even to decide if there will be one.

"First, we want to figure out what needs to be done," said Bashor. "We haven't even decided if there will be a bond, but if there is one, we want people to know what they'd be paying for."

The current park commission is not the first to consider an inventory of the needs of El Cerrito's parks and recreational facilities. City Councilmember Jane

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Public comment time closes for Del Norte EIR

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The period for public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Del Norte BART mixed use project closed as of last Friday. But a sizeable number of people took advantage of an April 16 public hearing to voice their opinions on the proposal. (Comments may still be made on the attachment to the report, "Alternative F," which deals with transportation and parking alternatives. The comment period on Alternative F closes May 10.)

The "Del Norte BART Station Mixed Use Project" calls for a development on the BART site of a 20-screen, 3,686-seat cinema complex, 36,639 square feet of retail space and a 932-space underground parking garage (to include replacement of the existing 333 BART parking spaces) and development on the Mayfair site of a five-story structure including 208 residential units with a ground level containing 1,500 square feet of retail space and 237 parking spaces.

Alternative F would include another 63,460 square feet of retail space in addition to the floor area described above.

The main opportunity for spoken public comment on the DEIR was offered at an adjourned meeting of the Planning Commission April 16. Sixty-six residents signed up on the attendance list; about 23 addressed the commission.

Some residents used the opportunity for public comment to voice their personal opinions on the project, though input at such a meeting is meant to focus specifically on the report on questions regarding its content or comments on any omissions or errors made. (The audience was generally against the project as it is now designed.)

It was clear, however, that many members of the audience had become thoroughly familiar with the document, despite its length and technical nature. They

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Letters to the Editor

Recall effort is absurd

Editor:
It is the height of absurdity that there is a plan under way to recall Norman La Force. Mr. La Force is a person of integrity and highest motivation who has labored faithfully and tirelessly for our community. I urge the citizens of El Cerrito to suppress this recall foolishness at every opportunity.

Jeanne W. Loomer
El Cerrito

It's time to work together

Editor:
I feel compelled to remark on the El Cerrito letters in the April 24 Journal.

One writer tells all those who disagree with her to move to Kensington. For me, that is not far, since part of Kensington lies just beyond my back fence. Unfortunately, it is the cemetery, and I am not yet ready to move there. I cannot endorse this writer's solution to debate and discussion in El Cerrito.

Another writer labels as Council sycophants and flunkies all those who disagree with him. The tone of this comment is typical of some citizens at Council meetings who have forgotten that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable. It is time to stop the name-calling.

I support the Council's three minute time limit on speeches. I attended the Feb. 3 meeting at which a few speakers turned an item agenda into a three hour meeting. The April 21 meeting had 15 agenda items, and several speakers addressed the council for three minutes on almost every item. The Council has properly balanced the opportunity to speak with the duty to complete the public's business.

Another writer complains of fiscal mismanagement, yet our city has a balanced budget and a \$1 million reserve due in part to the benefits of redevelopment. His proposal would transfer to the city from the Redevelopment Agency funds that are better invested in redevelopment projects, for example, by investing in the Plaza, the Redevelopment Agency could generate \$500,000 per year in new sales tax revenue for the city.

While I support redevelopment, I do not support projects based solely on their revenue benefits. I agree with the concerns expressed by some writers about the proposed Del Norte BART Station project. It is too large and dense for the site. The resulting congestion and traffic is more than the surrounding community should have to bear. I hope that agreement can be reached on a smaller project that meets the needs of our city, the neighborhood, and the developer.

Let's work together for a better El Cerrito.

Brad Castel
El Cerrito

Council has blinders on

Editor:
I just read the letters from Christopher Chenoweth, John

Albany readers:

A major project is moving forward even though there is considerable debate about its merits. Is the school district pursuing the right course in trying to build replacements for Albany High School and Middle School? Has there been enough input from the public on this plan? We want to hear from you. Write the Journal at P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530, email us at hillsnews@aol.com, or fax your opinion to 339-4066. Please include your phone number for verification and followup.

Sproul, and Julie Rogers published in the Journal last week and I thought they were sad. It's true the City Council and Redevelopment Agency are under fire — deservedly so. It's just sad when some people support the council by cheering issues like the recently imposed three-minute rule and the discontinuance of cable TV coverage of city/agency meetings.

While these tactics are "poor faith" gestures by the city they are only symptoms of the problem, not the root cause.

The deteriorating relationships between city council/agency members and the community has been caused by the mismanagement of fiscal issues, particularly with the Redevelopment Agency, and the fact that the agency has tried to hide the problems rather than fix them. Many groups, including the Chamber of Commerce have called on the agency to study this. In fact, a citizen's group has organized a qualified team to study and help fix the problems. But, it's as if the council/agency has put blinders on and won't address these fiscal issues.

Quite simply, the agency has had to restructure and/or refinance almost every significant project it's undertaken. This is a poor track record and it only adds to the expense. Just recently, they had to restructure yet another debt, this time with the previous owners of the Target site — American Recreation, which owned Golden Gate Lanes. This is one more sign of the agency's financial troubles. Not unlike homeowners who can't meet mortgage payments and keeps refinancing their house.

This past week the agency considered a serious restructuring of its agreement for the Del Norte Place project. A key component considered was a "cash out" option in which it would liquidate its equity investment in the project and lose over 80 cents on the dollar. Considering the agency spent over \$4 million on this project is looking to cash out at \$526,000 — losing over 80 cents on the dollar to try and generate sort-term cash! Several citizens spoke up against this and forced the council to turn down the plan 3-2. But the council then passed a motion to "study the issue further."

When these issues are brought up to the council nicely, they won't listen. When the issues are brought up more firmly — and when they are reminded of their fiduciary duties — they resort to name calling. Norman La Force has called people "liars." Norma

Jellison has called people "racists." These comments are part of a public record. There was the recent barrage of attacks against the Chamber of Commerce in which Mr. La Force tried to get the manager fired. The public response was one of outrage. Now the council is in damage-control mode. Both council members Jellison and La Force have earned their fall from grace.

History is full of examples of people following blind or misguided leadership. Must we repeat this behavior? There are many objective measures to see how the current leadership has failed in El Cerrito. When one looks at moral and ethical behavior, the record just gets worse.

I encourage citizens not to cling to the past. There's a bright future for El Cerrito — our town has a lot of promise. We need to dig in and fix the current problems so we can take the best of what we still have and move forward. Let's not be "hand-cuffed" financially, or otherwise, to the past.

Grant Ricketts

Earthquake drill a success

(The Journal received a copy of this letter to Mark Figueira and Marvin Mears of the El Cerrito Fire Department.)

Thank you so much for your help at our first functional earthquake drill on Saturday, April 12. It really was a terrific learning experience for us. It was so helpful to have the fire truck available to sound the siren for the drill, and for you to provide such valuable technical assistance on issues such as downed power lines, identifying different types of gas valves, determining type of fire by color of flame, and tips on night search & rescues. In a real major earthquake we will, of course, be on our own. In the meantime, while we are preparing, it is terrific to have your participation and help with training.

It is reassuring to live in a city that is taking the earthquake danger seriously, and whose Fire Department is actively working to train and prepare its citizens to handle the aftermath of the quake on their own until professional help is available. Thank you for your support of the Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Team program.

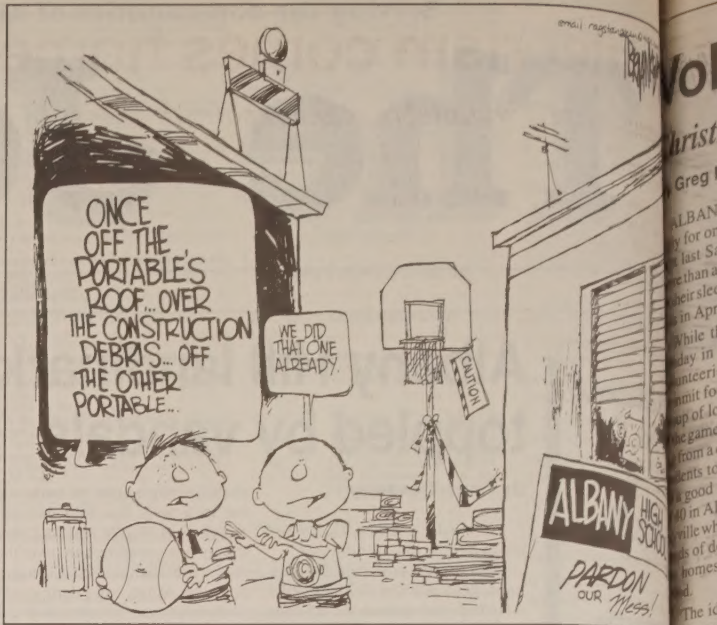
Charlotte Strem Caughey
Team Captain

Commendation not condemnation

Judging by his March 20 letter to the West County Times, local attorney Robert Outis now considers himself an authority on both journalism and juvenile behavior modification. Outis knocked the paper for its favorable coverage of Police Chief Larry Murdo's widely acclaimed Chief Operator program designed to reduce the high rate of teenage death and injury in automobile related incidents.

Outis charges that there is no "credible evidence to support the claim that the program had any

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Police Reports

Youths surround vehicle in parking

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — An El Cerrito man and woman reported that they were attempting to drive through the Safeway parking lot in their pickup at about 3:20 p.m. April 18 when they were surrounded by a large group of from 12 to 15 male juveniles. The driver said he could not move and the youths would not get out of the way. One suspect tried to open the passenger door, one challenged him to come out and fight, one kicked the bed of the truck causing an estimated \$500 damage.

The victims did not report the incident until they returned home. The suspects were not identified; they are believed to be of middle school age. Lt. Jay Clark suggested later that the youths may have been attempting a carjack.

A Portola student said he was attacked by two unidentified male juveniles after he accused them of taking his property. The incident occurred in the schoolyard at about 4:10 p.m. April 18.

Two Richmond male juveniles

were arrested after a traffic stop. The driver took off after he was stopped, leading the officer in a vehicle pursuit. The two suspects arrested were passengers in the car; they fled on foot and were caught at about 9:56 a.m. April 23 at Ashbury and Fairmount.

Two Richmond men were arrested following a suspicious vehicle contact at Safeway at 6:36 p.m. April 11. They are accused of shoplifting.

A residential burglary was reported in the 6300 block of Conlon Avenue between 8:40 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. April 23. A Richmond man is accused of removing a screen and window, loading property into the victim's vehicle, then fleeing through the garage door when the victim returned.

A Richmond man and a San Pablo man were arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle after they fled from police. They were arrested at San Pablo and Cutting after a collision. The incident occurred between 11:52 p.m. April 24 and 12:18 a.m. April 25.

The same two men were ar-

rested for an auto theft in the 1300 block of Conlon Avenue overnight April 24. The car was unlocked, the trunk was open, and miscellaneous items were stolen.

Five other auto thefts were reported. An in-theater car was taken from a vehicle in the 1200 block of Liberty Avenue on May 1, 1997. A car was parked on the 9900 block of San Pablo Avenue April 23. A vehicle was stolen from the 1700 block of Lexington early morning hours of April 24. The thief tried unsuccessfully to move the indash stereo.

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Not a good week to own a Toyota in Albany

By K. Osborn

At about 2 a.m. on April 26 a man called 911 to report a white vehicle that had several people in it who were shooting a BB gun and had broken a window of a business on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue. The car was last seen at the parking lot at the Safeway store on Solano Avenue. Officers contacted the six people in the car, a 15-year-old girl and three 17-year-old boys along with two men, ages 18 and 19, who were all from Alameda. The group was arrested for assault, discharging a weapon, conspiracy, vandalism. The two adults were also charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Two of the juveniles were released with a Notice to Appear, two of the adults were also released at the scene and two were cited then released.

Just after midnight on April 27, while conducting a security check at Albany High School, Albany officers heard glass breaking. Upon investigation they observed a group of juveniles who ran from them. Three were apprehended almost immediately and two were apprehended as they fled on Key Route Boulevard. Although nothing appeared to be missing from the school, a 12 ounce beer bottle had been thrown through a large, 22-inch by 80-inch, window. Three juveniles, two 16-year-old Albany boys and a 17-year-old Albany boy, were charged with vandalism, resisting an officer and loitering and released to their parents with a Notice to Appear. An 18-year-old Albany man was arrested with the above charges plus contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He was cited and released on site. A 19-year-old San Pablo man was charged with all of the above plus violation of probation. He was also cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the evening of April 20 a man reported that between 2:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. on April 20 his cellular phone was stolen from his 1991 Toyota Camry while it was parked on the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue. He was not sure if the car was locked. There were no witnesses.

On the night of April 20, a resident on 1200 Brighton Avenue block reported that the previous night her black Mazda Protege was vandalized. There were no witnesses.

At about 12:20 a.m. on April 21 an Albany officer observed a subject crouching and using binoculars to look into a window of a residence on the 1100 block of Kains Avenue. The subject then ran and tried to hide. The officer contacted the 18-year-old Albany man and he was arrested for trespassing and peeping while prowling. He was cited and released.

At about 3 a.m. April 21, Albany officers stopped a white 1973 Dodge for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a Richmond man was found to have two outstanding warrants from Berkeley for traffic violations in the amount of \$1,615. He was arrested, cited and released.

On the afternoon of April 22, Albany officers responded to reports of a prowler on the 1000 block of Pomona Avenue. Officers contacted a 17-year-old Oakland male who was indeed trespassing and prowling. He was arrested and released to a relative with a Notice to Appear.

Just after midnight on April 23, Albany officers responded to reports of a man who was kicking another man at Golden Gate Fields. The victim disappeared but the attacker was contacted and found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and battery and cited to be released when sober.

On the morning of April 23, a resident of the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue reported that during the thieves stole her silver 1984 Toyota minivan. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of April 23, a resident on the 700 block of Pierce Street reported that during the previous night someone had attempted to steal his 1981 Toyota Camry. There were no witnesses.

On the night of April 23, a resident of the 600 block of Kains Avenue reported that when she returned home she found her front

door open and her car missing. There were no witnesses.

On the night of April 23, a resident of the 500 block of Albany reported that his blue Camry was missing from his garage. There were no witnesses.

At about 11:45 p.m. April 23, Albany officers on Berkeley Avenue on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue observed a disturbance while walking upright. A 17-year-old Albany man and he was arrested for trespassing and peeping while prowling. He was cited and released.

On the evening of April 23, a resident of the 800 block of Route Boulevard reported that his blue Toyota was broken. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of April 24, a resident on the 1000 block of Bot Avenue reported that during the night the driver's side window of his car was smashed while parked on the street. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of April 23, a resident on the 900 block of Street reported observing male juveniles, ages 15 to 17, searching through his back yard. They were not sure if anything was taken. They were gone when officers arrived.

At about 11 a.m. on April 23, a man reported that after parking his car through a local car wash, he noticed money missing from his car. Of course there were no witnesses.

During the week of April 23, Albany officers responded to reports of a group of lost dogs, including a group of lost dogs, who were locked out of their homes or car and responded to reports of a barking dog. Albany paramedics responded to reports of fire and 21 medical emergencies.

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Volunteerism comes home in Albany

Christmas in April volunteers make repairs to homes of local seniors, disabled

by Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—The holidays came early for one 79-year-old city resident last Saturday when a crew of more than a dozen volunteers rolled up their sleeves as part of the Christmas in April program.

While the nation's leaders met Monday in Philadelphia to discuss volunteerism at the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, this group of locals was one day ahead of the game. With contributors ranging from a contractor to high school students to citizens who wanted to do a good deed, the group was one of 40 in Albany, Berkeley and Emeryville who made hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of repairs to homes of seniors and the disabled.

"The idea is that we would like the homeowner to remain in their home as long as they can without going into a convalescent home," said Christa Hill, assistant director of the program in the three-city area.

According to Hill, the nationwide program contributed \$36 million in repairs to 4,500 homes this year.

Christmas in April began locally in 1991 as part of the Albany/Berkeley Independent Elders' Network, evolved into its own organization last year. While the 1996 effort had 1,400 volunteers, the program has grown to 1,900 this year, Hill said.

The organization coordinated two projects in Albany, one on Cornell Avenue and the other at the home of 33-year Stannage Avenue resident Grace Hoyt. Hoyt, who lives alone and depends on Social Security to pay the bills, said she

was directed to the program by another long-time city resident, perpetual City Council watcher Dario Meniketti.

Lead by House Captain Dana Milner, a general contractor, and his partner, First Mate Christina Van Horn, the approximately 15-member crew installed handrails, a new dining room ceiling, a new stove and refrigerator, and trimmed the jungle of foliage covering the front of Hoyt's home to a neat 20 inches.

They vacuumed her furnace, installed grab bars in the bathroom and did a variety of electrical and other repairs while Hoyt, 79, sat with her feet on a tiny stool amid the hustle and bustle of work being done.

"In this country people expect other people to be good to them," said Hoyt, a Northern Louisiana native with the sweet, lilting accent

of the old South. "It's part of our way."

Fueled by half-price pizza from Domino's and donations from local businesses, the group worked without pay but seemed to find the satisfaction of a job well done a reward in itself.

Volunteers also showed up last weekend to help package Hoyt's extensive pottery collection, and will show up again this Saturday to unpack it.

"I've always felt like people need to help each other," said Keith Hartman, a carpenter whose son Crei also helped with the effort. "Basically, I'm just fulfilling part of my belief system. It makes me feel good to make other people feel good."

"We just feel it's important to give something back to the community and this is a good way to do it," Van Horn said.

While seven other projects were coordinated earlier this year, Hill said the biggest push comes on the last Saturday in April. Among those pitching in area-wide were 357 employees from Charles Schwab, who participated as part of a team-building effort, and the myriad of individuals who donated man-hours—and in many cases professional know-how—on their own.

"I've been interested in helping seniors in the community who need some help," said Milner, a general contractor who coordinated Saturday's effort. "I'm a community-minded person."

Prospective beneficiaries of the program have their homes inspected after they apply and are then selected by committee, Hill said.

Those interested in receiving the benefits of the program or in volunteering for future efforts should call 644-8979 for more information.



Elodie Smith is practicing her tea-pouring skills for the third annual English-style Tea Party to be held May 4 by the Soroptimists International of El Cerrito. Smith, a past-president of the club, is serving current president Pauline Batchelor.

More I-80 lane closures planned by Caltrans

Caltrans highway crews this week began closures of various lanes of westbound Interstate Highway 80 at the east end of the Bay Bridge to seismically retrofit a section of the bridge's East Bay crossing.

The closures will occur on Mondays through Thursdays from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. over the next three months, starting April 28.

Up to three lanes of the westbound upper deck of the bridge will close from the incline west of the toll plaza, but a minimum of two lanes will remain open.

No bridge on-ramps or off-ramps or toll lanes will be affected, according to Caltrans officials. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

In an unrelated highway project, Caltrans workers this week detoured westbound Interstate Highway 80 traffic at the Central Avenue exit to

the eastbound Interstate 580 merge from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. on the nights Monday through Wednesday.

Caltrans crews also closed westbound Interstate Highway 580 from the eastbound Interstate Highway 80 merge to Central Avenue and closed the Albany on-ramp overnight.

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Teacher Feature

It's lights, camera, action with AMS's Tom Gamba

By Linda Goldfarb

Broadway has Stephen Sondheim, London has Andrew Lloyd Webber, and Albany Middle School has Tom Gamba. Gamba's middle school musical productions have such a wonderful reputation that the tickets for this year's performance, "Mission Unlikely," which opens May 1, were sold out within two days.

How did Gamba break into the business? "I had a great drama teacher when I was a student at Berkeley High. I even started out as a drama major in college but I really messed up doing Richard II — I didn't know my lines and the love scene turned into a tragedy, a real tragedy," he says, laughing at the memory.

"I had been a recreation counselor at Berkeley's Tuolumne Camp where we put on shows that were parodies of musicals. In 1980, the teacher who directed the plays at AMS left and I thought, 'Hey, I could do that.' The next year I wrote Face The Music Man, which was a parody of The Music Man; I practically had to beg kids to audition for it. Now, over 200 kids audition for the plays."

Other parodies Gamba has written include Jokelahoma, Annie Gets the Dickens, Sounds Amuse Us, My Spare Lady, Superman Meets Phantom of the Opera and last year's Our Stab at the Classics, a parody of Romeo & Juliet, West Side Story, and the Bridges of Madison County.

"Each year I look forward to summer when I start to write the next year's play. First I pick the

music — I've got all these oldies that I try to work in — I can't wait to finish the script so I can rewrite the songs." This year's play has close to 16 songs. Gamba rewrites the words then gives the lyrics to Jack McFarland (March Teacher Feature) who revises the music to fit the newly-created songs.

Gamba and his thespians begin rehearsals in February and

continue until opening night in May. "The best time for me is on opening night right before the curtain opens. I get to stand in the wings of the stage and see the excitement of the kids. I love being backstage, watching the play unfold."

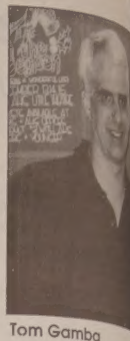
Gamba emphasized the enormous support of the faculty. "The teachers here are amazing. They

help with auditions, choreography, set design, stage crew, costumes, everything."

I asked Gamba if any of his students had gone on in drama. "Many of them do plays in high school, but some go further. One of the most satisfying things for me is when kids come back and tell me they've continued in theater." Marle Gaines, who was in Gamba's production of The Miserable Music Man in 1992, will soon be appearing in San

Francisco's Beach Blanket Babylon.

Creating this musical feat every year seems like it should be a full-time position. However, in addition to his role as the father of two Albany students (7th grader Kevin and 5th grader Ryan) and as AMS's drama and speech instructor, Gamba also teaches math, science, English, and history. But for Tom Gamba, his passion lies in the theatre. There really is no business like show business!



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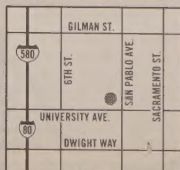


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YOUNG SCHOLARS SOJOURN TO FABLED DAYS OF YORE

Seventh-grader Liz Castrejon spent part of her school day last Friday acting out of war: one on one, boys and girls, a group of students and one teacher. ("Of course, teacher won.") Sometimes, ev-

everyone let go at once, and everybody fell.

She also watched demonstrations on spinning yarn into gold, playing a medieval instrument, and gypsy dancing (some of her friends tried it). She "learned to use (her) hands"

when she ate and tried some new foods (pasties).

She had a great time at the Adams Middle School Medieval Faire.

Rise Jones thought the gold rubbings were neat. She took a hunk of "gold" and rubbed it over brass figures to raise pictures of a unicorn and witches. She also enjoyed weaving flowers and ribbons into a beautiful headband.

Arieh Katz practiced jousting on a low balance beam. Like his opponent, he was equipped with a rubber-tipped stick; his task was to force his opponent to lose his balance. He won three times before he was displaced by the next victor.

Katz also enjoyed guessing old riddles posed by his history teacher, Mrs. Rentschler.

The event was the school's third annual medieval faire. All 350 seventh-graders got to participate in enjoyable activities that provided them a hands-on encounter with history.

"It was fun," said Katz. "It also fit in with all things we've been reading this month on the Middle Ages."

According to English department head Jane Bartke, who is also a member of the El Cerrito City Council, the activity is designed to "bring the culture of the period alive" for the students. The medieval period of history is part of the state's curriculum framework for seventh-graders. At Adams, she said, teachers have done an in-depth study of the period, covering not only history, from 950 to 1450 AD, but literature and some scientific discoveries.

Students have studied the architecture and people of the times, guilds and calligraphy; they've created personal Coats of Arms and



Chester King Vega

nyama Colon, 14, takes the role of William Tell, sending a Nerf arrow toward its apple target.



stained glass.

At the faire, they could make rope, play chess, and learn the skill of drop spindle weaving, all assisted by representatives from the Society for Creative Anachronism.

There were plenty of choices. Just ask Melissa Mello.

"I did everything," she said. "I did leather stamp making; you get these letters and little leather circles, spray the letters with water, and pound them into the circles with a hammer. You lift them off, and they're pressed right in there."

Mello also did brass rubbings and headband making. She and her friends "shot arrows at guys with apples on their heads." She missed, but the arrows were rubber-tipped anyway.

"I wasn't very good at it, but it was fun trying," she said.

She also enjoyed her unsuccessful attempts to shoot a dragon with a Nerf arrow and stay on the beam during her own joust.



Photos: Chester King Vega

Top, Cape-wearing Patrick Biesemans, 13, receives a fatal blow to the chest from jousting/jester Kyle Stewart, 13. Above, gypsy Shamina Khan, 13, June bride Jessica Lynch, 14, and Lord's lady Stacie Armstrong, 13 watch the fun and frivolity.

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Nothing but net

Harding Elementary School parent Brad Carr strings computer cable into the computer room last Saturday as the El Cerrito school held NetDay, part of a nationwide effort to give schools access to the World Wide Web. A number of parents turned out to assist with the project, linking several classrooms via some 1,000 feet of cable donated by a local firm.

Castro Elementary Flea Market and Fair this Saturday

The Castro Elementary School PTA invites the greater Castro community and friends to its Spring Fair and Flea Market this Saturday, May 3. The flea market will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the activities fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Over 100 families will be donating used goods for sale at the Flea Market and parent Linda Takimoto advises all to, "come early to the school's multipurpose room at 1435 Donal for the best selection." A health professional from Doctor's Hospital will be on hand for a limited time beginning at 10 a.m. to conduct free blood pressure and blood sugar testing.

The activities fair will be in the upper school yard at the corner of Donal and Lawrence streets.

Activities will include: water balloon toss, bubble blowing, book-mark decorating, macaroni stringing, mask making, jump rope competition, children's book swap (for trade or sale), fish prints, face painting, origami, cookie decorating, games, races and a bake sale. Barbecued hot dogs, chips and sodas will be available for lunch.

Proceeds from this event will support Castro PTA programs for students including: the Reading Incentive Program, Disability Awareness, Lawrence Hall of Science Night, Third Grade Swim, Fourth Grade Play, classroom study trips, educational assemblies, as well as general classroom, computer, and library materials.

Admission is free. Tickets for food and activities will be available the day of the event for 25 cents each.

Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183

for more information.

Adams Middle School Open House Tonight!

Adams Middle School invites the community and especially elementary school parents to its Open House tonight, Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. Come to the school library on the third floor. Staff will be available to answer questions about the middle school experience and parents and children can view some of the classrooms and activities at Adams. Adams Middle School is located just off the Arlington at 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond.

Last Friday, Adams hosted its annual Medieval Faire. Students dressed in appropriate medieval clothing and participated in various activities such as: brass rubbing, shooting the apple off William Tell's head, slaying a dragon, making rope, fortune telling, stamping a leather disk, answering Medieval riddles, playing chess, making flower head bands, and playing 9-Men Morris.

Prior to the faire, teachers in many of the various core subjects conducted in-depth studies of the literature, architecture, and people during the period 950AD to 1450 AD. Parents and teachers staffed the many activity booths and assisted in the preparation and serving of food from the medieval period.

Mira Vista Fashion Show Set for May 9

Fresh off the wonderful Fiesta de Primavera held last Saturday at

Mira Vista School, the Mira Vista PTA is not slowing down for a moment, inviting the community to a Fashion Show on Friday, May 9. The event will be held at Mira Vista Elementary School, 6397 Hazel in Richmond. Doors open at 6 p.m. for a viewing of the silent auction and the show starts at 7 p.m. The show will feature Mira Vista students modeling Target Fashions and will include live music and refreshments. Tickets are \$3.00 during the pre-sale and \$5.00 at the door. For more information call (237-1040) or email: (RDEMESHOK@AOL.COM) Mary Demshok.

Berlex Science Scholarships, teaching summer internships, Teaching Excellence Awards

The Ed. Fund (The West County Public Education Fund) marks the arrival of spring with the annual Berlex Science Scholarships, the Berlex Teacher Summer Internships, and the Teaching Excellence Awards and Banquet.

For the third year, Berlex Biosciences has provided funding to the Ed. Funding for \$1,000 Berlex Science Scholarships for WCCUSD high school seniors who intend to pursue studies in science at a two or four year college or earn a certificate in a science field, who have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point in their high school classes and who have financial need.

The 1996/97 Scholarship recipients are: Jill Casavecchia (De Anza High), Amber Jones (Pinole Valley High), Chevon Lewis (Richmond



West County School Work
By Glen Price

High), Arterias (Mariano High) and Christopher (Pinole Valley High).

The following five teachers have been selected at Berlex Biosciences this summer as summer Lyda Butler (Washington Elementary), Teresa Colyer (Mira Vista Elementary), Peg Dabbs (Mira Vista Middle School), Tracy (Kennedy High), and (El Cerrito High). Each have the opportunity to time in state-of-the-art with top-flight scientists serve as mentors. In receiving a stipend of \$1,000 the teachers will learn what it is to work in the world and to learn modern techniques they can use with their students.

The Ed. Funds Teaching Excellence Award is just around the corner, May 16 at the Richmond Convention Center. For

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Serving up a celebration

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City eyes possible Albany Hill property purchase

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—With nary a whimper of public resistance or support, the City Council last week unanimously voted to knuckle under to the Association for Astrological Networking.

In a public hearing so brief one might have missed it had they turned their head, the council passed a second reading of an amended fortune-telling ordinance, renaming those who practice the celestial arts "al-

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Three private gardens at their springtime best will be open to El Cerrito Garden club members and their guests on Thursday, May 8. Maps and directions will be available from 9:30 a.m. at Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave. at Moeser Lane. Refreshments will be served at one of the locations. A \$2 charge is made for guests.

Anyone joining the Club on or before May 8 may participate in 12 Club programs for the price of ten and save the non-members fee, according to Kay Riddell, president. Yearly dues of \$25 cover ten regular 1997-98 programs and other activities, beginning in September.

"By joining now, new members may attend the garden tour and the June program — the season's two remaining events — without paying the \$2 non-members fee or extra dues," Riddell said. The June program is an installation luncheon. New members may sign up on the garden tour, or before. For information, call Dee Prun, 527-7409.

ternative consultants." The move comes in the wake of a lawsuit filed by AFAN last year.

AFAN objected to the ordinance on the basis that it required applicants be fingerprinted in order to receive a business license, among other things. While some city officials cited the battle as one worth fighting philosophically, financially, the suit might have cost the city thousands of dollars.

Council members said nothing at the hearing other than casting their votes in favor. A handful of AFAN members were also present, but did not speak.

City Attorney Robert Zweben had previously said the city might seek a stipulated judgement in the case, which AFAN has vowed not to drop in that the council might amend the ordinance to include fingerprinting in the future.

Zweben said AFAN has been "uncommunicative" as to its plans since the council passed a first reading of the ordinance. AFAN attorney Donna Timmerman could not be reached for comment.

Albany Hill land talks

The council also got in line for

possible (though not likely) purchase of the Landvest property on Albany Hill under Measure R. Measure R, passed in November, 1996, provides the city with more than \$450,000 a year to buy land on Albany Hill, restore creeks and purchase recreational playfields.

According to Treasurer Kim Denton, current property owner Comac Land owes \$311,059 in back taxes and penalties. Berkeley developer Tom Burke, who has an option on the property, has offered to sell it to the city for \$1.6 million.

If Comac does not pay the taxes, a foreclosure on the land will ensue. Most city officials anticipate the bill will be paid, however, and said they are simply getting in line in case the scenario shakes out in their favor.

The council also set a public hearing for amendment of the Hillside Development District zoning regulations for May 5. At present, the council is looking to amend Albany Hill zoning so that property with a slope greater than 40 degrees would be unbuildable.

About 75 percent of the Landvest parcel would be off-limits to development under the new requirement.

Medieval

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She feels the day helped her experience everything she's learned about the period in school.

Bobbie Habbas had fun, too. She pursued her own creativity at the headband booth. That was a long project, so she "just made bundles of roses." She took them home that evening, designed them into rings and passed them out at her competitive swim meet the next day "for good luck" for her fellow Berkeley Bears team mates.

What did she learn from her experience? "About all the different

kinds of foods they ate and drank — cider or apple juice, cakes for all their traditions, pears and apples, and pasties.

Bartke, Vera Rowsey (who then taught 7th-grade history) and teacher Pam Davalos applied three years ago for \$1,000 from the Ed Fund. They "very carefully stretched those dollars," and now break even by charging the students nominal fees for the craft activities. Food snacks are donated by parents; the \$100 to \$200 raised from their sale goes to supplies for the next year.

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Dr. Liao wants to prevent illness and have patients live a longer and pain free life. He stresses one must harmonize the Yin (-) and Yang (+). This can be done by yourself or with someone to help guide you. To help yourself you must harmonize the mind and body. To have this, one should not take negative issues so seriously. Physically you must do this perfectly, according to Dr. Liao. So if one needs assistance, Dr. Liao can help with his expertise. For a more serious ailment, he recommends one to consult with a medical practitioner.

Dr. Liao teaches at Five Branches Institute, College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Santa Cruz and the Academy of Chinese Culture and Health Science, a Chinese

Medicine teaching clinic in Oakland.

Dr. Liao comes from a family of doctors in South China. As a boy he received instruction in both traditional Chinese and modern medicine from his parents and grandparents. He became a licensed acupuncturist in California in 1985. During his youth Dr. Liao developed a keen interest in the study of gongxi and taijiquan, and has practiced these ancient energetic exercises for over 20 years. His area of specialization are stress disorders, women's health, trauma and injuries, circulatory diseases and urinary diseases. Besides teaching Dr. Liao maintains a private practice at 1033 Solano Ave. and one in Vallejo.

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22, to parents Kenneth and Debbie Catali, weighing in a six pounds. The Catali's own and operate K & D Landscape and Design.

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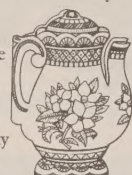
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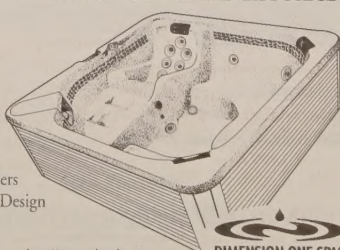
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Debate

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inadequate?" Janet Smith-Heimer, an Albany resident and neighbor of the site, wrote as well, to protest the "appalling course of events" surrounding the planning of the new school.

In a more or less random, completely-unscientific poll last week, The Journal found some around town, from parents to high school students, who ask if the current road is the best to be on, and some, also parents and students, who do not.

"I don't feel from what I've picked up from the community that a majority of public opinion is to reassess," says school Boardmember Ed McManus. "I think they're a minority and it's uncertain to me what the size is."

The board, despite the protests of teachers and others, shall continue until given a reason to do otherwise. "If someone came up with substantial and prevailing reasons to do so, I'm sure the board would reconsider it," McManus says.

Board President Marsha Skinner is a bit more adamant. Put simply, "We are going forward with both (projects)," she says.

'Guarded and touchy'

As happens from time to time with the middle school project, there are those who bring up the issue of communication. Newly-elected board member Bill Cain, in fact, was asked about communication during a pre-election candidate profile last year.

A former city council member, Cain made what some might call a rather astute observation when he said the board, as previously aligned, had a tendency to "become very guarded and touchy when people question them," and that he felt the same way when first on the council.

"When you're elected you become a conduit for people's ideas," Cain says in the profile. "An important thing I learned at council is that I could make a lot more effective decisions if I heard a wide variety of viewpoints expressed. It's not easier to decide that way, but you make better decisions."

When asked about the most recent objections, Cain says Mayor Good is allowing his personal situation to color his opinion. A 29-signature petition against closing Behrens/Spokane, submitted to a Traffic and Safety Commission meeting last month, was "fairly open-ended," he says, and the residents he has talked to are overwhelmingly in favor of closing the street.

And as for the 37 middle school teachers, Cain, like McManus, says those objections have been dealt with.

"I don't sense that there's really an issue there," he says.

Not an issue?

"It's like going back 50 years in architecture," says middle school teacher Joanna Pace. "It's not going to be a better school than this."

"I think that we would be a lot better off being here," says French teacher Donna Donohue, who adds that, at the new school, she will not have her own room as she does now. "As far as I know, nobody asked our opinion. It will be a 'fait accompli.'"

"I don't think what we're getting is that much better than what we've got here," says science teacher Kay Sorg, who personally would gain from the move in that the new school has superior science facilities. "For all of us, I don't think it's the best use of the money."

"What we have is a school board that's not going to change its mind," says English teacher Bob Presnall.

"The (proposed) site is entirely inappropriate compared to the existing site for a middle school."

(The Journal interviewed a dozen middle school teachers last week. Some spoke of a feeling they had "missed a meeting" somewhere during the process, others of a school board that was "loosing their sense of what it's like in the trenches." All said they opposed the board's current course of action, and stood by the letter they signed. Administrative staff members, such as the principal, do not comment.)

The process may be well underway, the teachers say, the plans may be drawn and the budgets charted out, but if the end result will be something no better than what they have now (and in many cases worse), they ask: should this not be the time to sit back and re-evaluate where the district is going?

Or, put another way: when they supported amending a \$31.6 million bond measure to enable the district to purchase the Hill Lumber site, teachers say they were promised a rose garden. What they are getting now, they say, may not be a sack of fertilizer, but is something between the two.

"I could understand them saying, 'Why are you arguing this now?' Presnall says. Arguing they are, however. This is what they are saying."

Objections over design

While the teachers were able to rally a good deal of community support last month in persuading the board to restore \$600,000 to the school's budget, their objections go beyond that, to the very layout of the school they say they would just as soon not occupy, if given the choice.

The new school is more than 20,000 square feet larger. It has vastly superior science labs, a music room and a larger gym. Yet that gym, at present, has no bleachers, and those science labs, once slated to be four, are now two.

While bigger, it would have a smaller library, no lockers, no air conditioning, no carpets, and three less classrooms than the current school, if portables are included. Six teachers will have to "rove" throughout the day because of this. Those The Journal interviewed did not seem too hot on this idea.

Another objection revolves not around square footage or amenities, but rather the layout of the school itself. At present, teachers' rooms are set up in sort of loose clusters of four, with a shared office at their center.

This arrangement, they say, provides for a sort of "cross-fertiliza-

tion." During their break, teachers can crack the door on another classroom and study the technique of their peers.

At the new school, they will be clustered in groups of three. They will be more isolated, they say, and the layout they have grown fond of will be gone.

And while most rooms at the current school have two doors, at the new school they will only have one. According to Presnall, modern living requires children be trained to work in small groups. With two doors, teachers can divide students more easily, sending some out one door, some out another. At the new school, this too would be more difficult.

Many teachers are also skeptical about the new school's proximity to the high school (2 blocks, or a 2 1/2 minute walk). Teachers say middle school students don't need all the temptations of a high school near them, in that the point of middle school is to keep children "young" as long as possible.

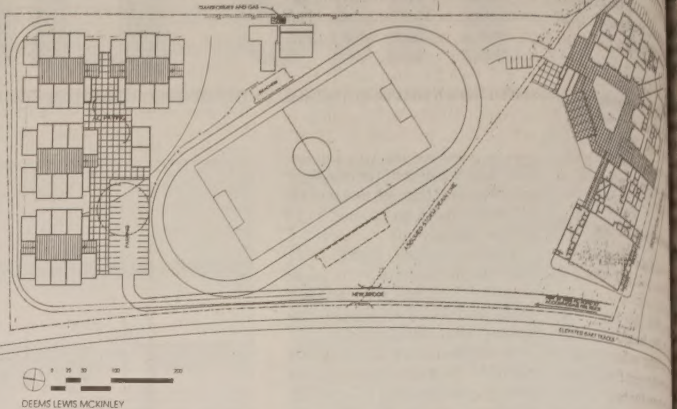
At present, the middle school has its own play fields. At the new site they would have to share Cougar Field with the high school. McManus says there will be room on the field for both. Teachers say it is nonetheless an inferior arrangement.

The present school also has skylights. According to some teachers, fluorescent light causes hyperactivity. Skylights allow them to augment it with natural light throughout the day.

Teachers also say the location of the school, beyond its proximity to the high school, is problematic. Those on the second story on the western side will face the sun in the afternoon. They will also be too close to the BART tracks and the noise the tracks produce, they say.

Noise is also a factor in that the new school's hallways will be indoors. As anyone who has visited the current school might note, middle school students have a tendency to be rather loud as they make their way between classes. This would be exacerbated by the indoor

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MASTER PLAN - scheme 3 Cougar Field



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The indoor arrangement is also problematic, teachers say, because they will not be able to send students outside to work as easily. Last Friday, on a magnificently sunny afternoon, one teacher held his arms out, gesturing toward the sun as if to say "Why would we want to give this up?"

Though no teachers mentioned it, others have pointed out that the school will be moved away from the Bill Lewis Teen Center, which is adjacent to the site. McManus says the district has had discussions with the city to arrange after-school use of the middle school facility.

Alternative's downsides

What would be preferable, teachers say, is the proposal they submitted three years ago: a \$3 million wing, with science and music facilities, at the north-east corner of the site.

According to McManus, though,

there are a number of problems with that scenario. For one thing, he says, a city-owned sewer line runs through the property (one teacher says the line is five feet from the edge of the school property, thus rendering it a non-factor.)

Also, turning back would force the board to reconsider the strategy it has been pursuing for three years: to close the current middle school and reopen it as an elementary school. Many teachers, however, suggest using the Hill Lumber site for an elementary school.

Turning back, in addition to wasting the money already spent planning the new school, would also put any new projects on hold for 11 years, McManus says, calling the prospect "unacceptable." Teachers, on the other hand, call for a long-range vision, saying why build a school that will last 50 years if you're not going to make it the best one you can?

"When you have one interest

group among many, sometimes you're left with them and sometimes not."

According to Skinner, the situation is a "luxury" security issues and are simply resistant to change. "They have a particular advocate for their concerns," she says. "At the larger (district) level, they may not be asking questions."

Teachers say they are planning they believe will be into an inferior school. There is still room for additions in the project, but they say they are leaning on many point out, in the plan could be altered by the board.

"I wish there was a behind," Presnall says. "The community could be

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School has yet to be deemed financially unsafe, the board is proceeding under the assumption that the City Council has the authority to approve or deny the plan. The board is the authority to provide that park, the mayor, as he has before, is saying "No."

Big numbers add up

Questions not only the loss of four tennis courts and 2-1/2 ball courts to be occupied by buildings, but the financing of which the board plans to build a middle school and a high school over the next five years. Questions how the board, with no money in bond money, plans to build the more than \$46 million projects. He opposes the use of bond money, doubts the viability of the two major projects within one another, and questions the board would proceed with that 37 middle school said in a recent letter they would be in temporary housing, and because of the emergency nature of closing the school, the district would be at "the front of the line" for money from a statewide bond measure anticipated to be on the ballot in June, 1998. In that their indebtedness would be maxed out if they were to proceed with the middle school, that too would make them more eligible for funding.

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So how exactly does the board plan on funding more projects than they have money in hand to pay for? According to McManus, that lack of funds is precisely what will allow the plan to work.

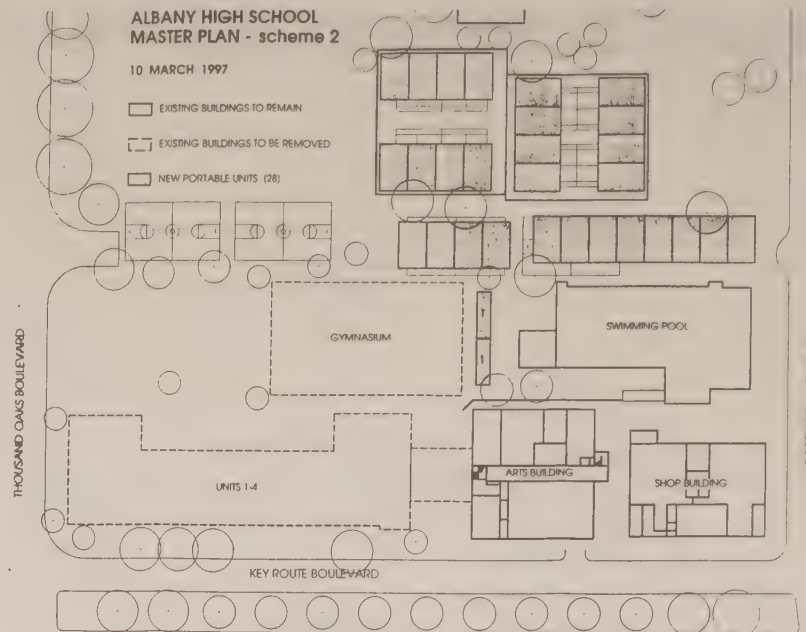
The board's most recent bond budget, which adds up to a balance of zero, contains \$46.4 million in expenditures, including \$3.25 million to purchase the Hill Lumber site, \$23.6 million for the high school project (though that number will most likely go up) and \$12.8 million for the middle school.

Revenues include the \$31.6 million bond measure city voters passed in 1993, \$3 million in interest proceeds, and \$11.8 million in state funding, yet to be secured.

Board members say they will pursue 50/50 match grants for their three biggest projects (Cornell Elementary School modernization, the middle school and high school). They also expect the state to front them their portion of the 50/50 match for the high school, money that, because all the bonds cannot be floated at once, they do not have at present.

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"The way you go bankrupt is to spend more money than you've got," Good said at the meeting. "I don't know where the money's coming from, and that troubles me."

As for Good's suggestion to put the temporary buildings at the Hill Lumber site, or the other option considered by the task force that instead selected the park — Cougar Field — board members say that would lengthen the school day in that students would still have to return to the main campus for art and industrial classes.

Good says he walked from the Hill site to the high school recently, and that the trip took 2 1/2 minutes.

McManus, meanwhile, addressed Good's objection to two major construction projects occurring in the same, two-block area, saying the heavy-duty, structural work will take only six months a

pop.

The mayor's fellow council members have not jumped on his bandwagon thus far. Though they have yet to agree to any lease arrangement for the tennis courts (placement of the portables, a staff report estimates, will require between \$150,000 and \$200,000 in repairs when they are removed, cost the city more than \$10,000 a year in revenue and half (4) of its tennis courts), they did raise some concerns at last week's meeting.

Councilmember Jon Ely, for example, said he is worried the high school project might last longer than the four to five years currently anticipated. "The idea is that the period of time is finite," Ely said.

"The last thing we want to have, on a long-term basis, is our kids in temporary housing," Cain responded.

Only two city residents commented at any length: Ruth Meniketti suggested the use of Key Route Boulevard, saying "We have many streets, but only one park of any size."

Leon Rimov, on the other hand, seconded Good's call for a halt.

"There's got to be a time when you say, 'Stop this nonsense,'" he said. "We have been dealing with smoke and mirrors. I think you should vote no on this issue."

Councilmember Bruce Mast, however, said a halt would "put a crimp" in the district's program. A motion was made to authorize negotiations and request the school's budget information.

It was approved by a 4-1 vote, with Good voting no on the basis that it would be tantamount to approving a plan he views as ill-conceived.

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of endorsements and awards that Chief Operator has earned makes it impossible to list them here, note that the program has been strongly backed by State Attorney General Daniel Lungren, praised by law enforcement officers around the country and in Canada, and earned an unsolicited commendation from the president of the United States.

Chief Operator was based on Murdo's belief that the best — perhaps the only way — to change certain behaviors is to motivate teenagers to carry the message to their peers. His view was borne out by a two-year, \$100,000 Philadelphia study called "Reaching the Hip Hop Generation."

The core of Chief Operator is not its fine Elvis Presley recreation by Albany officers, but the music and words with a safety

theme which students themselves write and perform for their peers. This communication is from kid to kid and so more readily accepted than from cop to kid. The Hip Hop study shows that youths routinely disregard life-saving advice from adults, even their own sports heroes.

Students enter their songs in contests and the winners are professionally recorded in an album and distributed to high schools locally and nationally. Last year the program earned a Gold Record award from the Recording Industry of America for reaching more than a million youths.

Winners also receive cash awards, tickets to sport events, etc., and 1,000 Chief Operator trading cards with their pictures on them. Being rewarded for real achievement is the only proven way to build the "self-esteem" now in vogue with educators.

Murdo says Chief Operator can be worked into "existing traffic safety programs by any police agency." Police in Westchester, Pennsylvania are now cloning his program as Chester County Lawmen and Elvis II. And San Jose translates Chief Operator materials into Spanish.

Perhaps Outis, who has no involvement in youth programs or law enforcement, should advise the police departments that they are wasting their time and money on Chief Operator. He might also pass the word to the hundreds of high schools across the country using it. And he may as well set Dan Lungren and Bill Clinton straight while he's at it.

I'm sure they would all give his opinions as much weight as do Albanians who know something about the extraordinary program which originated in the mind of our police chief and has been recognized for its excellence both

home and abroad.

Dave Greer
 Albany

Turning a deaf ear

Editor:

In a recent letter Christopher Chenoweth attacked El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance for "creating crude cartoons that make fun of city council members," for referring to city decisions as "done deals" and for "name calling, accusations of back-room deals and conspiracies," etc. It is unfortunate that before launching his broadside Mr. Chenoweth didn't bother to check the facts. Had he done so he would have found the Alliance has NOT done any of the things he has accused them of.

The Alliance's primary concern is fiscal issues facing both the city's general fund as well as the Redevelopment

Agency. If Mr. Chenoweth would like we will be happy to send him a copy of our recent newsletters dealing with these issues. Upon reading them he may find that his support of the City Council has been misplaced.

As far as his claim that the El Cerrito City Council does a good job and listens to the public, here are some facts that he might find interesting.

1. The city council unilaterally over-ruled its own citizen's task force and put a \$125 (instead of \$75) tax (Measure H) on the ballot last November. So much for listening to the public.

2. The council took only three days after releasing financial data for the Plaza proposals to select the developer. That decision will cost the taxpayers \$20 million over the next 30 years. Despite repeated requests from citizens asking for a few weeks delay so

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 to include relevant statistical and safety data, important survey
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our planned consolidation of duplicate services will adversely affect emergency or critical care
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 However, we listen to their patients, we have listened to the community. It is now time to pause, and
 further examine the current and future healthcare needs

Change is not always easy, but it is inevitable given the current direction of healthcare delivery in this county,
 throughout the state and across our country. We look forward to meeting these challenges with you, and for you,
 for the betterment of healthcare for all residents of West Contra Costa County

Sincerely,

Gary Sloan

Gary Sloan
 Chief Executive Officer

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the financial numbers could be analyzed on a project of this magnitude, the council ignored all the request. So much for listening to the public.

3. At the public hearing on the Plaza plans (where, by the way, discussion of finances was forbidden by the city appointed moderator) three of the seven citizen's groups opted for no housing at the Plaza. When this was pointed out at the next council meeting, Councilman La Force announced that the decision to have housing at the Plaza has been made and people simply need to accept it. So much for listening to the public.

4. At a recent Redevelopment Agency meeting the council had to acknowledge that it was unable to make payment on loans that it has outstanding. This despite the \$16.5 million of taxpayer funds the agency has siphoned off from the city, the schools, and the county So much for doing a good job.

5. The agency already owes the city's general fund one million dollars with no date as to when it intends to repay it. So much for doing a good job.

The council's response to questions raised about these issues is to ignore them and instead impose a TV blackout and impose a three minute rule. So much for openness and democracy.

No wonder some people talk about "done deals," mistrust the council, and question its fiscal behavior. Nevertheless, it was

not the El Cerrito Citizen's Alliance, which Mr. Chenoweth incorrectly attacked. We eagerly await his public apology.

Don Pool
El Cerrito

A better use for their energy

The Journal received a copy of this letter to the El Cerrito City Council:

The Behrens Neighborhood Association would like to speak out, this time on behalf of Norman La Force, who has been a true friend to the Association. He has from the beginning taken our concerns very seriously. He attended a number of our neighborhood meetings; directed staff to work on our behalf regarding issues that effect us; and responded swiftly and with real concern to the various issues we brought up. In short, he has been and continues to be an exemplary representative of the citizens of El Cerrito.

It is thus with real sorrow that we have witnessed the bitterness, sarcasm, and wasteful time and effort that have been spent in attempts to undermine his effectiveness. The personal and petty nature of some of the letters published in the Journal do little to lift the level of discourse about the issues that effect us all. The possible recall, which we do not think will or should succeed, is an absolute waste of taxpayers' money, and a total shame during a time

when El Cerrito has so little to spend on meaningful programs for our children and elders.

We hope the individuals behind this effort will reconsider how to better spend their energy. We fully support Norman La Force in his exemplary efforts to represent us.

Ann Lehman, Co-Chair of the Behrens Neighborhood Association

Pearson Miller, Co-Chair of the Behrens Neighborhood Association
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You're watching the Albany Channel

The Journal received a copy of this letter to Anne Ritzma, Assistant City Administrator:

Thanks so much for your effort in getting our tape "Bob's Garden" on the air and keeping it there past the call of duty! We appreciate the creative outlet the Albany Channel affords Albany residents, and look forward to seeing many more local productions. We're currently working on another installment of "This Is Your Albany." Watch for it!

Jack Kenny
Annie Kenny
Chuck Sigal
Naomi Sigal

Fire Safety

Making your home as safe from fire as it should be

By Marc McGinn
Albany Fire Chief

The Operation Life Safety Newsletter reported in its December 1996 issue that there was a 6.3 percent increase from 1994 to 1995 in residential fire-related deaths. Out of 4,585 civilian fire deaths, 3,640 or 80 percent occurred in the home. According to the article, "complacency" was the reason given for the increase in fire-related deaths because Americans believe the safest place to be from fire is in their homes. So it is ironic that the home is the place subject to the greatest risk of deaths caused by fire. Unfortunately, it has become evident by these new statistics that "complacency" with home safety and fire prevention measures will cause fire-related deaths in the home, deaths which can be prevented.

Based on the facts and statistics collected for the calendar year 1996 thus far, the National Fire Protection Association is already predicting that nearly 6,000 Americans will die in fires during 1997 and 80 percent or 4,800 of those will die in residential fires. This will represent a 33 percent increase in residential fire deaths since 1995! These high death figures are outrageous in a time where highly effective fire prevention technology is readily available to the public.

The media continues to present the grim statistics regarding fires and deaths with mere sensational-

ism and fails to provide or educate the public with any fire prevention message. A brief fire prevention message would have greater impact on the public viewer who has just seen or read about the devastating results of a residential fire. Recently, however, an article in the Richmond, Virginia Times-Dispatch went the extra mile to report how such fire tragedies could be averted: "It may be time for homeowners to consider installing a highly effective residential fire prevention tool: a sprinkler system."

The Times-Dispatch article offered some positive information about sprinkler systems including:

• A sprinkler system is like having a firefighter in every room and works year-round.

• 99 percent of the time, sprinklers handle all of the fires or keep it in the room of origin until firefighters get there.

• Residential sprinkler systems have been around since the 1960s, with the first residential sprinkler ordinance implemented in San Clemente, California, in 1996.

We don't have to look very far to see the life-saving effectiveness of sprinkler systems. The city of Napa reported that two teenage boys were using gasoline in a garage to clean up their skateboards. They had left a puddle of gasoline on the floor and though that the fastest way to remove it was to burn it off. When one of the boys struck a match, a fireball immediately erupted, acti-

vating two sprinklers which extinguished the fire before any harm. Despite the fact that two boys were killed, spilled gasoline, and a fire map, the article went on to state that the quick protection system. The insurance claim was no damage to the house. The headline of the article was "No deaths, no damage, no problem." It was a grim headline, but it was a true headline. It was a headline that people die, and house burns, do not stand a chance of surviving residential working sprinkler systems. A sprinkler system in a bedroom and a person's survival rate is 47 percent, and a sprinkler system in a living room is 75 percent. This is a true life insurance.

If you have a concern regarding fire prevention, please call me at the Fire Department, 333-1234, or contact the Fire Prevention Bureau, 333-1234.

Blotter

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• A battery was found in a vehicle parked at the Junction Avenue and 19th Street area on April 23.

• Two incidents of vandalism were reported on April 23. One incident involved a sharp metal vehicle parked at Kearney April 11, and another involved a vehicle thrown through a window in the 1900 block on April 16.

• Someone threw a window screen at Everett Street on April 17, then threw the window for electronic items on April 17.

• Someone entered a garage through the 6500 block on April 16, took miscellaneous items living in the (mainly tools). The incident occurred between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. April 16.

• Two bicycles were stolen from a block of Lexington on April 16, one from a storage room and the other from a garage. The incident was reported stolen in the 500 block on the afternoon of April 16.

• An attempted burglary was reported at Lagunitas. Someone entered a window screen of the garage but could not get into the window screen. The incident occurred between April 10 and April 11.

• An incident of vandalism was reported at Lexington Avenue on April 17. A hole through the fire home by unknown persons.

• Someone broke into a house at Prospect School and took a computer. Four arrests were made under the influence of a woman on Lincoln Pablo Avenue (212) a Berkeley man at 11:15 a.m. April 17, and a woman at Central at 2:30 a.m. April 17.

• A Berkeley man was arrested for possession of a substance after a stop for violation on Potrero Eastshore Boulevard on April 19.

• A San Pablo man was arrested for possession of methamphetamine at 4:30 a.m. April 17.

• Cellular phones were found in an unlocked vehicle in the 6800 block of Tabo on April 15. Electronic items were found in an unlocked vehicle in the 6800 block of Tapscott on April 17; the items were found in a domestic violence case.

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Oregon Pinot Noirs coming of age

about 10 years since the release of the Oregon Pinot Noirs — the wine that would put the region on the world map.

There's a signal in the well-chronicled history of 1976 in which a California wine, took over the French

Does Oregon have its own Pinot? The 1985 Pinot vintage. I remember tasting in Portland's wine shops, which loved to serve Northwest cuisine, locally fresh salmon in all in all manner of

number commenting that wines were good, but I understand all the fuss. I

Wait to retaste the vineyard's '85 Pinot at a in San Francisco incorporating 14 vintages of from the Willamette Valley. We've already seen a California wineries during their second decade, though the Oregon is much younger, we're beginning to see a few of including Ponzi — put a portfolio of wines of a retrospective.

the wine industry began at the same time that the Pinots were moving into the era with the wine of the early '70s. Oregon has only a of properties as to California, it is an exciting period of

'85 vintage gave notoriety, it was the Burgundy producer Drouhin, who gave it its in '83. Drouhin decided state was worthy of his Burgundian-style Pinot



■ ALAN GOLDFARB

grapes in Oregon soil.

Since, there is the International Pinot Noir Celebration in McMinnville; the Oregonians are beginning to use native oak with which to make their wines; and Gary Andrus, the owner of the respected Napa Valley Pine Ridge Winery has opened a Willamette property called Archery Summit.

Even Dick Ponzi, the founder of his namesake winery, moved from Northern California in the late '60s to settle in Beaverton, 15 miles southwest of downtown Portland.

Ponzi himself pays great homage to Burgundy and the Cote d'Or, from which the world's greatest Pinots come. He even sent his daughter Luisa with whom he now shares winemaking duties, to study in Beaune, the heart of Burgundy.

Ponzi came to town recently and brought with him his Pinots from the 1975 vintage through the '95. While almost all the wines have remarkably retained their bright, lush fruit, the Pinots of Ponzi — with few exceptions, are not the weighty, powerful wines we see from time to time from Burgundy.

They are not even, with exceptions, the spicy blockbusters we're now seeing emerge from the Russian River of Sonoma. But a great many of the 15 wines from Ponzi are a testament to the fact that when Oregon reaches full maturity, it will have to be considered one of the wine regions of the world with which one must reckon.

Debbie Raynor Events Can Make The Difference

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able graduated from Cal with a degree in Her seven years experi- the catering business ties in with her degree. "Like designing it is important to learn about personalities of the bride, groom, members and party planners," she says. "You need to use the space available, prepare a great and create a tasteful atmosphere

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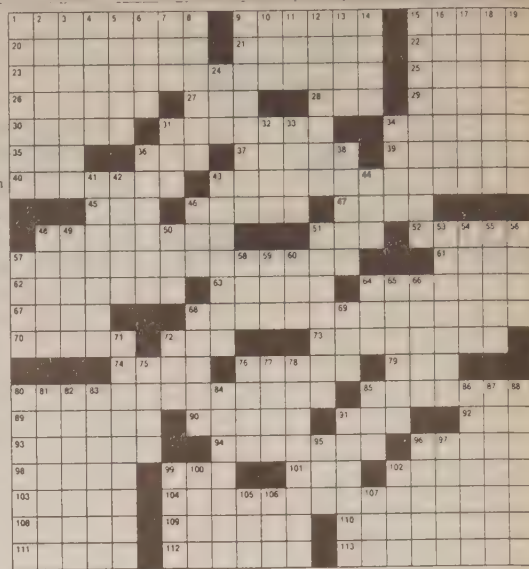
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New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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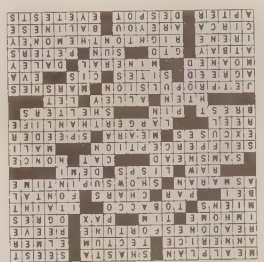
1995 Reserve (Sept./Oct. release) — Light in color; lilac aroma; soft and lovely;

1994 Reserve (\$35 upon release) — Closed in the nose; spicy, rich, full-bodied, lilacs, gorgeous wild cherry fruit; drink now through 2001;

1993 Reserve (\$30) — Strawberry aromas; somewhat weedy in the front of palate, then opens to nice strawberries, but ends stemmy; drink up;

1992 Reserve (\$30) — Soft, pretty wild cherry; sweet fruit; drink up;

1990 20th Anniversary (\$35) — still young with soft tannins; plums, long finish; drink now-'03;



1990 Reserve (\$25) — Soft, lovely, not a blockbuster; drink now-2000;

1989 Reserve (\$25) — Floral aromas; acidic and somewhat weedy, nice fruit; drink now-2000;

1988 Reserve (\$25) — Soft, sumptuous, supple; lovely soft fruit, excellent balance; soft tannins; drink now-'02;

1987 Reserve (\$20) — My favorite of the flight; great aromas of wild cherries; powerful, glorious, well-balanced; still bright fruit, still young; drink now-'07;

1985 Reserve — Pretty cinnamon, licorice, lilac; powerful, young with wonderful

plums; drink now-'03;

1983 Reserve (\$15) — off odors; soft, warm, beginning to show its age; drink up;

1982 Reserve (\$10) — Mint, leather, fruit drying up; drink up;

1980 Select (\$10) — Plums, licorice, soft, gorgeous, aging elegantly;

1979 Estate (\$7) — Cloudy; over the hill;

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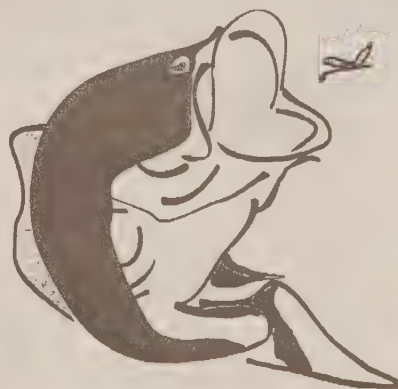
BUSINESS FOCUS

by Laura Fischer

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Remember, your ballot must be received at a Return Center or the City Clerk's Office by 8:00 p.m. on or before Election Day, May 6, 1997! Postmarks are not acceptable.

SHERRY M. KELLY
City Clerk, City of Berkeley

Kelly's powerful spikes will now Zag instead of zig

Peter Mentor

Southpaw Erinn Kelly is a powerhitter with a twist. The 6-foot-1 Kelly from Bishop O'Dowd hits spikes so hard over the volleyball net that frankly they go the heck out her opponents. That's why Kelly, who resides in Berkeley, was recruited to Gonzaga College.

On Tuesday, Kelly signed a letter of intent for a full athletic scholarship to play volleyball the fall at Gonzaga College.

It isn't only the raw speed, that attracted the Zags to Kelly. It's the way the ball comes off her hand and spins in the opposite direction of most hitters.

"It's pretty valuable because it's a different position where they can swing," said O'Dowd volleyball coach Lisa Newman, referring to the opponent's reading of Kelly's hit. "She often blanks the blocks. She's got a quick arm. She always hits hard. She doesn't like to hit

easy."

Newman said it is rare to get a volleyball scholarship. Although there are a lot of great high school players out there, the pieces have to fall into place to find a suitable candidate for a paid spot on a team.

Kelly comes from a long line of volleyball players. Her oldest sister Sheila, 26, played at BOD. So did her sister Meghan, 21, who was offered a full ride to play at a school in Las Vegas but went to UC Davis instead. Younger sister Katie, 16, was a sophomore teammate with Erinn the past two years.

Kelly plays for the Golden Bear



Jeff Lindquist
Berkeley's Erinn Kelly, who played volleyball at Bishop O'Dowd, and plays for the city's Golden Bear Club, will be headed for Gonzaga in the fall.

Club team in Berkeley, which is a much higher level than high school volleyball.

"My club team has stepped up the intensity," said Kelly. "Club is

much more job-like. There's no screwing around. You go there to play and play hard. I'm assuming college is going to be 10 times more intense."

Kelly led BOD to a 28-6 record this year as an outside/ swing hitter.

On offense Kelly had a 22 percent kill ratio and on times she passed the ball, it was killed 36 percent of the time. That comes to 58 percent winners every time she touched the ball.

Kelly was an all-tournament selection at the Berkeley and Dragon Classic tournaments this year, in which her team finished second and first, respectively.

A bonus to signing at Gonzaga is her friends and family get to see her play locally. Gonzaga is in the West Coast Athletic Conference, which includes USF, St. Mary's and Santa Clara. Those school play home-and-away series, which means she could make the trip here at least three times a year.

St. Mary's baseball rankled

John Gardella

With a 13-5-1 record, including several ranked teams, the local polls have seen fit to rank the St. Mary's High baseball team. That slight is enough to rankle the Panthers to continue their winning ways, according to first-year coach Andy Shimabukuro.

LOCAL
Baseball

St. Mary's
9
Cerrito
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"Kids are taking it to heart," said the coach. "They feel they are not getting the respect they deserve."

Last Friday, the Panthers kept with Encinal, the team they lead in the Alameda-Contra Costa League, and headed Wednesday's action (SM had a bye) doesn't play until Friday (Kennedy), by routing El Cerrito, 9-2.

"We wouldn't play any better than we did against the Gauchos," said Shimabukuro. "We are peaking now."

The Panthers scored four times in the first inning, and five more in the fifth, with starting pitcher Dave Sophus helping him on the plate.

While he was shutting down the Gauchos, Sophus found the time to hit two hits and drive in four

runs. "We want to maintain what we have, and carry that into the next game," said Shimabukuro.

The Gauchos, meanwhile, have lost four of their last five games. They lost both games after starting league play with a 1-1 mark and tied for first.

Friday's debacle against the Gauchos, EC suffered a painful 3-1 loss. Despite Donny Strong's pitching performance, the Panthers couldn't get the senior support.

The Journal's male Athlete of the Year, Davis, gave up just three runs in his complete game loss. White started against the Panthers early and the bats

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Berkeley's Celeste Chun scored the Jackets' only run Thursday with a homer off of San Ramon.

Jeff Lindquist

Chun — making Jackets' lots o' fun

By Mac Montandon

With her team trailing San Ramon Valley, 2-0, last Thursday, first baseman Celeste Chun came to the plate for Berkeley in the bottom of the first with two outs and nobody on. Chun, a left-handed batter, coiled dangerously at the plate, looked over a couple of pitches from Taylor Fleming before driving the

ball over the right fielder's head for a home run.

"That's the ice breaker," Yellowjackets coach Tom McGill called to

his team from the third base coaching box, hoping to rally the club past a locally ranked Wolves team.

As it turned out, Chun's blast was the only crack in Fleming's performance, as the righty allowed just one more hit, a single to catcher Andrea Corr-Boudreax, in leading San Ramon to a 14-1 win.

Berkeley fell to 6-4 overall and 0-2 in the East Bay Athletic League following the loss, but the team was without four starters.

Two players were away on college visits, and shortstop Pashen Bagsby and outfielder Sarah Purcell were out with injuries, forcing McGill to call up several junior varsity players. The coach hoped to have all his personnel back by Tuesday's game at Amador Valley.

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EBAL
Softball
San Ramon
14
Berkeley
1

Despite homers, Albany will now take it on the road

By Mac Montandon

In the homer-happy world of contemporary baseball, Albany is beginning to have as much fun as any team.

Last Friday at home against St. Elizabeth, the Cougars connected thrice for

round-trippers, as Bob Serpa's club demolished the visitors, 17-0.

"That was a fun ball game for us," Serpa said, after watching his team pull even at 3-3 in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League, though they are 6-12 overall.

Senior Russell Wirth got things going for Albany with a first inning grand slam. Sophomore Mark

Johnson and freshman John Ball also went the distance. Ball was recently called up from the junior varsity, and, along with fellow-freshman Tim Onweller, provides Serpa with some much needed depth as well as a future as bright as a brand new aluminum bat.

"Those two freshmen are really adding a lot," Serpa said. "They are both very good athletes. It makes

me feel pretty good about next year."

A couple of juniors are also making the tint on the coach's glasses a little more rosy lately. Billy Zeier and Kevin Christopher continue to swing hot bats for a club that has five players hitting .350 or better. Zeier has been around .500 for much of the season, and Christopher is now close to .450, after toiling around .200 during the preseason.

The Cougars must now take their bats on the road for an extended time. Wednesday, they began a five-game stretch of away games at Piedmont, and don't return home until May 16, when they face St. Mary's in the regular season finale.

"We'll see if we play well against Piedmont, then we should have a chance against Alameda and

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Albany
17
St. Elizabeth
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Undefeated SM's catching Logan?

John Gardella

Lawson has a tough time winning the last time the St. Mary's High boys track and field team won a league dual meet, which was a surprising, considering the team have gone undefeated in Lawson's 11-year tenure. The Panthers shouldn't have a problem continuing that streak Thursday when they take on El Cerrito in their Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League meet of the season. Having clinched the league win would give them another

perfect season.

While a win is never guaranteed, a loss is not likely; especially with the way the boys have performed lately.

Last weekend, the Panthers competed in the James Logan Top 8 Invitational and had their best performance of the season, according to Lawson.

"We did very well," Lawson said. "As a team, it is the best we have performed all year, with a lot of personal bests."

Junior Jerriod Mack, the Voice's

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Berkeley freshman Daveed Diggs' 16.2 in the 110 hurdles was the fastest time of the Logan Top 8 meet Saturday.

Jeff Lindquist

Jackets look for ACCAL track title

By Mac Montandon

The Berkeley track team is picking up speed, and the acceleration progress made by the young team has it talking less about a rebuilding year and more about an East Bay Athletic League title.

The Yellowjackets continued to improve at Saturday's James Logan Top 8.

Raquel Brewer continues to lead Berkeley's highly skilled girls team. Brewer won both the triple jump and the long jump. Her leap of 37-feet, 1-inch in the triple was a personal best and left the senior within a shovelful of sand from Evette

Bates' school record 42-foot jump — a goal Brewer has said she wants to reach. Brewer won the long jump during the day at 17-8.

Crystal Copes also improved her triple jump with a distance of 31-8, good for a personal best.

When not airborne, Brewer was heading the girls' 400-meter and 1600-meter relay teams. She was joined by Tatiana Newman, sister Michelle Brewer and anchor Nycole Brown on a foursome that would have swept both events had they not been disqualified from the 400-meter for passing the baton out of

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Albany - Berkeley Girls Softball League

By Michael Blake

The players of the Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League enjoyed the benefits of experience last Saturday, as the 3rd week of play allowed for some rules to repeat earlier matchups. Rules changes are calling for younger division players to eschew their tees and bat against real pitching, while older girls played to new rules allowing for stolen bases and challenging matchups with opponents from Piedmont.

MICRO DIVISION

Jane Hammond Tornadoes vs. Amsterdam Arts Mighty Kittens

The Mighty Kittens proved their offensive skill with superb batting by Natalie Buck-Bauer and Jeanette Williams. Base hits were flying off the tees and the girls were all running hard and scoring. Notable defensive plays by the Kittens included Lauren "Jo" Richards-Ruby fielding a grounder and firing it to 1st base where Malorie Knesal was ready and waiting.

The Tornadoes kept the Kittens hopping throughout with multiple hits by Emily Fong and Adrian Gebhart. Singles and doubles were on the menu and the Tornadoes just kept serving them up, while defensive superstars like Roz Smith and Leah Belzer-Adams dominated the infield with their fielding skills.

YOUNGER DIVISION

Black, Brown, & Lanier Bearstesters 19

Davitt Felder Royals 9

The Bearstesters were able to prevail on the strength of 3 early shutout innings. But the Royals were able to stop rallies with a 3rd out 3 times and came back to score 7 runs in the bottom of the 5th. Power hitting by Gemma Stewart, Jenna Nation and Julia Greenwood was only part of the formula for success. Heads-up base running by Emily Grinstead and Sarah Ball and aggressive fielding at third base by Olivia Beckley were also key ingredients. Stewart's bat was especially hot as she scored or drove in runs on each of her at-bats runner.

Liliana Woods-Kridle also made an outstanding catch at 3rd to start off a double play that ended a Bearstester rally. Other Royals fielding gems included a key putout at the plate by Mariko Conner and plays by Lindsey Fuller, Caroline McKusick and Lyla Weinstein. The Royals' last-inning rally was a matter of pride and a team effort, with sharp singles by Bijou Felder, Casey Osborn, Alice Reichman, and Ruby Shapiro. With their bats, the Royals seemed to say, "We won't give up! Wait 'til next game."

MIDDLE DIVISION

Tiddlywinks 13 Salon Sals 9

In the 1st, Erin Turner hit a homer for Tiddlywinks. In the next inning, defensive teamwork between pitcher Sascha Atkins-Loria and first basegirl Frances Tompkins prevented Salon from getting on base.

In the 3rd inning, Sara McEvoy got a double for Salon Sals, and the 4th was busy as well, as Salon scored 3 runs. In

the 5th, both teams erupted, highlighted by homers traded between Lydia Raya of Tiddlywinks and Emma Kemp of Salon.

Andronico's All Stars 17 Five Star Video Generals 8

In this rematch, the Generals appeared ready. Stars bats came to life and tied the score, 6-6, with an RBI single from Claire Wilkens, a 2-RBI single from Alythea Morrell, and a 2-run homer from Emily Niles.

The Generals responded with Casey Horvitz, whose 2-RBI single in the 4th put them back in the game. But the All Star defense shut down the Generals in the last 2 innings, including 2 bullet throws to 1st by infielder Sacha Maxwell, a key play at 3rd by Jessica Woodard, and 2 fine line drives caught at deep short by MVP Porter.

Porter and Woodard combined offensively in the last inning with RBI hits, and Woodard later scored on Sarah Lucas' triple. The All Stars put the game away with 4- and 5-run rallies in the 5th and 6th, but the game was much closer than the final score indicated.

Vivian Lopez Might Molars 18 On the Beam Thunderbolts 8

The Molars erupted, unraveled the ball and played astonishing defense to win. The Molars' big hitters were Hannah Wolff, Victoria Rohrer, Lucia Graham-Jones, and Martina Miles. Batting came alive for the 'Bolts in the 3rd with Emma Oberlander's double. Thunderbolt Katri Foster played a solid 2nd base. In the 6th, 'Bolt left fielder Naomi-Callender Scott threw a bullet to Anita Feingold-Shaw at the pitcher who relayed to catcher Eva

Montimer-Maibeth for a showy putout. Molars showed tight defense and monster batting.

OLDER DIVISION

Ashby Lumber 10 Autumn Press 7

Autumn Press made a valiant game of it getting 2 runners home. In that same inning, Gabriela Casals' quick throw to catcher Liz Spivey caught the runner, and her throw to an alert Marisol Pierce-Quinonez at 2nd base made the double play. Excellent fielding by Ariel Gough shut down the Tartans in the 5th inning. Autumn Press scored 7 runs against Piedmont's top pitching. Piedmont 1-6.

Nelson, Meyer and Ung Bandits 5

The Bandits also played an interleague game against Piedmont at the Albany Middle School. The game's MVP was Monica Linzner, who had 8 strikeouts in her 3 innings as a pitcher. Both teams seemed to enjoy the upper division scramble for stolen bases.

Jesse Young Angels 21 Red Oak Realty Rebels 7

Amanda Wallace stole 3 bases. Mia Arakaki made the defensive play of the game with a spectacular catch of a fly ball.

For the Rebels, Jo Warner pitched some tough innings and snagged several hard shots back to the box. Rachel SchleKaleen Patterson doubled to left center and Caitlin Drulis hit a towering triple to left center, driving in 2 runs.

CAL DIGEST

Baseball team swept by Cardinal

The Cal baseball team (17-34, 3-24, Pac-10) was swept by No. 5 ranked Stanford last weekend, losing 14-2 Friday at Cal, 8-0, Saturday at Stanford and 12-6 Sunday at Cal. Earlier in the season, the Bears were swept by the Cardinal, thus making it the first time Cal has lost all six games versus Stanford in a season since 1990.

During the latest three-game series, the Bears pitchers gave up 13 home runs. Cal, however, hit some home runs as well. In the first game of the series, junior designated hitter Aaron Gordnier accounted for both of the Bears' runs, hitting solo homers in the sixth and eighth innings. On Sunday, Cal's sophomore third baseman, Dan Garfin, hit his first collegiate homer, a grand slam in the fourth.

The Bears will next take on No. 4 UCLA in a three-game series at Evans Diamond, beginning Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Water polo team 2nd

The No. 2 Cal women's water polo team (27-7) placed second at the Western Regional Qualifying Tournament, last weekend at Spier Aquatic Complex. The Bears fell to No. 1 UCLA, 8-6, in the championship match.

Cal had qualified for the match by defeating USC, 3-1; Washington, 17-2; UC Santa Barbara, 9-4, and Stanford, 6-4. The leading scorer in the tournament was the Bears' junior two-meter star Alisa von Hartitzsch, who scored 17 goals in the five matches, and was named tournament co-MVP.

The top seven teams — UCLA, Cal, Stanford, San Diego State, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego and USC — automatically qualified for the national championships, May 8-11 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Last season, Cal gave UCLA its only loss of the season (8-7) in the finals of the WRCQ. The Bruins only lost this season was a 4-3 loss to the Bears, Feb. 15 at the UC San Diego Invitational.

Ninemire gets 400th win

The 24th-ranked Cal softball team (29-21) closed out its home schedule with a doubleheader against Washington, Sunday, May 4 at 1 p.m. on Strawberry Field. Four Cal seniors — first baseman Melanie McCarr, third baseman Jessica Parker and outfielders Karen Bonini and Dina Franden — will be honored in pre-game introductions.

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Cal ruggers after 14th NCAA title

By John Gardella

Quick, what is Cal's most successful team sport and its oldest?

Nope, it's not football. Diddo on basketball, lacrosse, soccer and gymnastics.

Here's a hint: The host Golden Bears are completing their 115th year in this sport, and they go for their 14th collegiate national championship — including seven in a row — this weekend.

Chances are most people wouldn't guess rugby, but that is the correct answer.

Hidden in the shadow of many of the school's higher-profile teams, Cal rugby looks to continue its tradition of winning when it takes on UC Davis in the first round in the

NCAA the Final Four rugby championships. Stanford battles Penn State in the other semifinal. The first game begins at 11 a.m. Saturday at Witter Rugby Field.

"The team came off a national championship last year and you are always worried about sophomoreitis," said coach Jack Clark. "But they have really improved week in, week out throughout the entire season. I think we are in position to play our best rugby of the season."

The Bears finished the regular season with a 12-3 mark, with their only losses coming against Canadian teams. Cal reached the Final Four by beating Indiana, 65-12, and Air Force in the second round, 46-6.

The Bears faced two of the three other teams in the semifinals during the regular season and claimed the Scrum Axe from Stanford with a 41-24 win. Davis played Cal tough, losing 32-20.

Familiarity with two of the other three teams, is a "blessing," said Clark. "You develop your team by playing tough matches," he said. "It's a blessing that we have a conference that the Stanfords and the Davises are in, because our team develops by playing them."

A Cal-Stanford final would be intriguing, not just because of the schools' rivalry, but because the Cardinal snapped the Bears' 98-game winning streak in 1996. However, Davis is the first order of business.

"I can assure you that the UC Davis program has always been a good program," said Clark. "It's the kind of program that produces good games, and when I first started coaching here the games were tough, and they continue to be the tough game on our schedule."

"I think you'll see the best Final Four competition that this tournament has ever seen," continued Clark, who is seeking his 11th title since taking the helm at Cal 14 years ago.

Clark noted the Bears' Kevin Dalzell, a scrumhalf and the team's captain, considered one of the top players in the country and a member of the U.S. National Team, needs to play top-level rugby for Cal to win.

Chun

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"Defensively we'll be a much better ball club when we get everyone back," McGill said. "With the number of JV players we had today, we were a little nervous. Its been a bad day, but we'll be all right. We'll play a lot better."

The Jackets' inexperienced reserves had a tough time last week, committing several errors and looking overmatched at the plate. It didn't help that they were facing a San Ramon team which had been ranked as high as ninth in a recent local poll.

But with Bagsby and Purcell back in the lineup, they will be getting an All-OAL player last year with Oakland Tech, and a solid, junior outfielder, respectively.

"She was throwing a lot harder than any pitcher we've faced this year," Chun said of Fleming. "But I think we have the athletes, the potential to compete with any team in the league. These teams (Livermore and San Ramon) are beating us mentally almost more than physically." Thursday's game helped illustrate a point McGill made about the difference

in attitude between the programs at Berkeley and those at San Ramon. McGill said SRV has a tradition of cultivating highly motivated, competitive softball players, while Berkeley has encouraged a more recreational approach in recent years.

"We emphasize fun," McGill said. "Then we try to bring out the competitiveness in each player. They (SRV) work hard with the players from a young age, so they come to the team with that attitude."

In time, McGill may be able to enjoy the best of both styles. His team is a close group that seemingly revels in the jocular feeling that reflects in its play. They are an athletically gifted team as well, with many players excelling at other sports.

Mimi Yapor-Cox and Erin Wheeler joined Chun on this year's soccer team, and Bagsby was an important contributor on the basketball team's run to the state championship. Wheeler is the only junior among these players; the others will be graduating in June.

Their role will be helping define a program which intends to compete, but not at the expense of losing a thrill for the game.

we've got a good chance at winning the North Coast Section ... especially if James Logan doesn't show up."

The boys team has continued to improve as well this year, but a lack of members makes it difficult for the boys to compete in meets when events such as the pole vault and high jump are included.

Saturday, it fielded a swift, young team in the relays as freshman Daveed Diggs, Clint Armstrong and Draneil Fritz ran with sophomore Juwan Perry. Diggs especially is a gifted, versatile athlete. His 16.3 time in the 110-meter hurdles was the fastest time during the day events.

All these impressive numbers have the team looking forward to the postseason; just a year after the program appeared in trouble because of several athletes being unable to compete, due to academic difficulties.

"For the league (finals) I think we can make it, all we have to do is work hard," Brown said.

St. Mary's Albany

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were silenced again. "We are not getting hitting from the top or bottom of the order," said EC coach Dennis Abel. "I feel we have a pretty good hitting team, but we just haven't put it together."

The second inning against the Panthers was indicative of EC's struggles at the plate. Davis led off with a triple and scored on a single. But after a double put runners on second and third with no outs, the next two Gauchos batters popped up.

"It's a matter of realizing the situation and getting quality at bats," said Abel. "St. Mary's was playing its infield back, so two grounders would have scored two more runs and we would have been back in the game."

Abel, however, thinks the Gauchos are still in the playoff hunt.

SM

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male Athlete of the Month for April, had a personal best of 47 feet in the triple jump, winning the event easily. Mack placed third in the long jump with a distance of 22-3, another personal best.

Rich Nero blew away the field in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.65. Nero also won the 300 hurdles with a time of 39.87.

Jafar Williams ran a personal best in the 400, placing second with a time of 49.39. Mike Arp finished fourth in the 800 with a time of 42.78.

SM's mile relay team of Khalid Tay-

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Encinal," Serpa said, surveying the next three games.

Albany appears to have set itself up for a solid few seasons to come, as it only has two seniors in the starting lineup. With and Chris Pierce. Joining Onweller and Ball as part of a talented group of young players are sophomores Johnson, Todd Eagle, Jana Neilson, Robbie Onweller (Tim's brother), Ted Peterson-Smith and Stephen Taylor-Rice.

Peterson-Smith and Taylor-Rice combined on Friday's shutout, as the Cougars continue to be tied for the league lead in hyphens.

So, as Serpa prepared to pour a cement porch at his home before Tuesday's practice, he could be sure this season has provided a solid foundation for next spring.

lor, Williams, Devon Poche-West and Chandler White won the event with a time 3:20.66.

Only two girls competed for the Panthers. Spring Harris, the Voice's female Athlete of the Month, took second in the high jump with a mark of 5-2. The Lady Panthers, at 6-1 in league play, can clinch a tie for the ACCAL title with a win Thursday. They are currently tied with Encinal.

The boys' performance has catapulted them into a league with perennial-power Logan, Lawson said.

"We are not trying to peak for another month or so," said Lawson. "But a month ago, I would have put Logan in a league by themselves. After this weekend, I think we have a shot."

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ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Donny Davis El Cerrito High Baseball

A senior, Donny Davis is one of the top pitchers in the area. He has been nearly unhittable in league play, building a 2-1 record with a 1.00 ERA. In the Gauchos' stunning upset of then top-rated Encinal, the righty gave up just one run in seven innings of work.

Rosey Williams Albany High

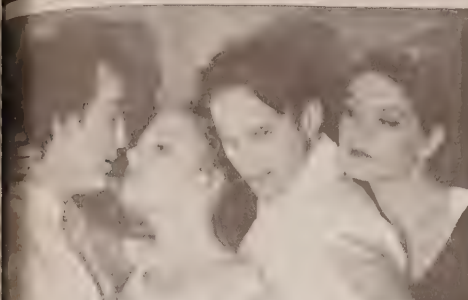
Senior catcher Rosey Williams is a defensive force and an influence on the team. A four-year veteran, he has accepted the role of coach for Loring. She usually bats first and her three RBIs helped the Cougars Elizabeth, 21-4. Major to excel in the class. Last semester her GPA

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East Bay Events



On right: Paul Black, Marin Van Young, Patrick Douley and John Armstrong appear in 'Dalliance.'

'Dalliance' with Shotgun Players

Shotgun Players is bringing *Dalliance* to Berkeley in Tom Stoppard's witty version of Arthur Schnitzler's classic German play *Liebelei* at the Subterranean Theater, 1834 Hearst St., through May 31. The bittersweet comedy written in 1896, the play is set in a 19th-century world of duels, dry wit and impenetrable barriers between

Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 students/seniors/TBA members. Pay-at-you-can on May 7 at 8 p.m. For reservations call 716-9082.

Community orchestra gives free concert

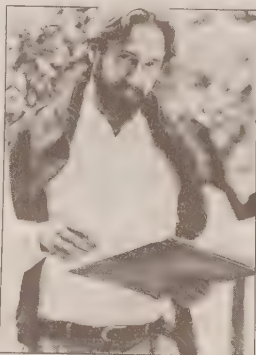
The Albany Community Orchestra will hold a free concert on Friday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the Little Theater at Albany High School. Featured soloist will be flutist Elizabeth Gutfeldt performing the Mozart flute concerto No. 2. A longtime Berkeley resident, Gutfeldt graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in astro physics, did graduate work at the University of Vienna and recently took a Ph.D. in Psychology at UC Berkeley. Other featured performers include harpsichordist Leonie Jenkins, violinist Peter Schroeder and flutist Carol Gallegos playing the first movement of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. The orchestra, conducted by Ernest Douglas, will also perform the score to "Die Meistersinger" and the Prelude from "Tristan and Isolde" by Wagner. The orchestra is made up of amateur musicians throughout the Bay Area and is sponsored by the Albany Adult School, with financial assistance from the Albany chapter of Soroptimist International.

Women's choral ensemble performs

The Berkeley-based all-women's choral ensemble, VOCL, will present an array of lyrical choral music of international breadth in a program entitled *To be Sung on the Water* on Friday May 9 at 8 p.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. VOCL is made of 15 women from the Bay Area under the direction of Daniel Gilmore Fore. The music of the spring program ranges from J.M.C. Beach's *The Chambered Nautilus* (1907) to Alberto Grau's Venezuelan lullaby entitled *La Flor de la Miel* (The Flower of Honey). Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, with \$2 discounts available to student/seniors. For more information call 655-6042.

Spanish Troubadour songs to be featured

Medieval Spanish love songs, ballads and lamentations will be rendered when the music ensemble Hesperion XX appears at Cal Performances today, May 3 at 8 p.m. at the Congregational Church. Led by Jordi Savall, the ensemble was formed in 1974 to recover and perform the repertoire of Western European music written before the 17th century. With musicians Montserrat Figueras (soprano), harpist Annette Lawrence-Kin and Pedro Vaz (percussion), the May 3 program features songs by Spain's 11th and 13th century Troubadours and popular religious songs by J. X. King of Castile and Leon; folk songs and dances of the Basque region. In addition Savall will speak free at a Sightlines presentation talk at 7 p.m. the night of the concert. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are \$28, available through the Cal Performances ticket office at Zellerbach Hall or at BASS outlets. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students, faculty and staff; students and other students receive a \$2 discount. For more information call 842-9988.



Jordi Savall



Members of the New Century Chamber Orchestra

New Century premieres 'Oculus'

In their final program of the 1996-97 season, Grammy-nominated New Century Chamber Orchestra will feature the world

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Double celebration honors Berkeleyans

By Carol Egan

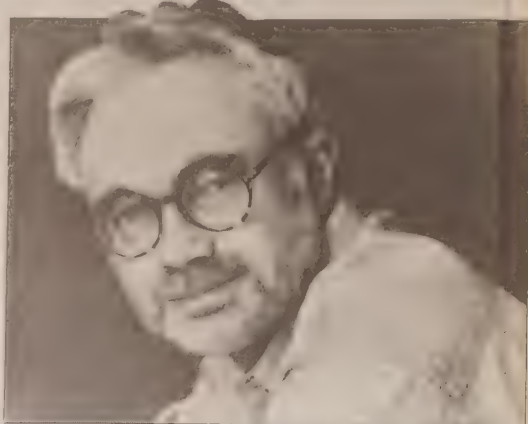
Last Sunday the First Congregational Church was filled with well-wishers, parents, students, Berkeley politicians (including Mayor Shirley Dean) and musical and social VIPs. The occasion was twofold: a (belated) 50th birthday celebration for John Adams and a benefit for the Crowden School, that breeding ground for young musicians, on Berkeley's north side.

Co-sponsored by Cal Performances and the Crowden School, proceeds from the benefit will help provide scholarships and defray expenses of the small (40 students) private school devoted to "providing a comprehensive music program balanced by a first-rate

academic curriculum for grades five through eight."

That the event was a class act came as no surprise. The impressive cast of characters included, first and foremost, Adams, whose work received a mini-retrospective. Included on the program were compositions ranging from the 1977 *China Gates* and *Phrygian Gates* to the Bay Area premiere of one of Adams' most recent compositions, *Road Movies* (1995). Considered by many to be one of the world's greatest living composers, Adams graciously took this opportunity to thank friends and fellow artists who joined him in supporting such a worthy cause.

Of those friends, the first to appear was opera and theatre director, Peter Sellars. Director all



Composer John Adams was honored at the school benefit.

three of Adams' operas, *Nixon in China*, *The Death of Klinghoffer* and *I Was Looking at the Ceiling and then I Saw the Sky*, Sellars opened the festivities by stating, "I have to say, this could only

happen in Berkeley. It really feels like Berkeley where people say, 'Let's raise a little money so our kids can play more music.'"

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Here's why the show must go on

By Phyllis Lyon

"The show must go on!" Some doubting Thomases, I've heard, have the timidity to ask "Why?" when this time-honored show biz motto comes up. Now, and on their stage in El Cerrito through May 24, the Contra Costa Civic Theater company has the answer.

CCCT's *Crazy for You* is live and lively, barrel-of-monkeys fun from overture to razzle-dazzle finale, joyous entertainment, makes you smile and laugh a lot and, to repeat, it's live. Not cyber. Not virtual. That's why shows go on, oh, ye of little faith.

Crazy is a fresh-made version of the fabulous Gershwin boys' 1930 hit, *Girl Crazy*. New York went crazy for it in 1932. No mention need be made of the overblown Garland-Rooney movie called *Girl Crazy* appearing in between.

There's the music — unforgettable classic George Gershwin tunes, *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *They Can't Take That Away From Me*, *I Got Rhythm*, set to Ira's marvelous lyrics. *Take But Not For Me*, for one, "Every wedding plot ends with a marriage knot, but there's no knot for me." Who could ask for anything more?

The 21 CCCT players, directed by Todd R. Ewing, add the more. In 20 inspired musical numbers, they dance solo, in twos, threes and altogether with an unflagging zip so impressive non-athletic audience members are glad to be sitting down. The choreography by Kris Bell showcases lots of tap as well as a range of styles from Fred and Ginger to riverdance.

But wait, there's more. A plot. Bobby Child, a New York bank clerk under the thumbs of his mother and his society fiancée, pines to become a dancer. He's sent to foreclose the mortgage on a theater in Deadrock, Nv., where, ta da, boy meets girl. Boy loses girl. And, after hilarious shenanigans, boy gets girl.

Leading the hijinks are Michael Ryken, a ter-



Michael Ryker (left) and Terri J. Skye star in 'Crazy for You.'

rific Bobby, and Terri J. Skye, as Polly Baker, the pert girl of the golden west he's crazy for. John Dey gives a standout performance as the beleaguered follies impresario Bela Zangler, especially when he teams up with Ryken to do the show-stopper mirror-image schtick made famous most recently by Lucy and Harpo.

Shay Oglesby-Smith, the snooty fiancée Irene, brings *Crazy* as close as it gets to an X-rating steamily seducing Lank (Raymond C. Duval), Deadrock entrepreneur and the musical's closest thing to a villain.

Adding their own sparks are the Cowboy Trio — Andrew Gabel doing a funny Gomer Pyle; Peter Fosselious, slappin' that bass; and Kirt G. Ewing — and the other cowboys lazily bidin'

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Book beat: 'Paris' gets out of hand

By Renata Polt

What you notice first about *Paris Out of Hand* is how beautiful it is: a small, red hardbound book, each page embellished with designs and illustrations. It even has one of those built-in ribbon bookmarks.

PARIS OUT OF HAND by Karen Elizabeth Gordon in collaboration with Barbara Hodgson and Nick Bantock. Chronicle Books, San Francisco, 1996. 160 pp. \$19.95.

Then, looking more closely at the cover, you notice that the little pasted-on detail map of Paris has the Eiffel Tower upside-down. What's going on here, anyway?

Paris Out of Hand is no substitute for your Fodor's or Michelin guides. Instead, it's a "hopalong travel guide," a "surrealist adventure" that's more fun to browse through in your easy chair at home than in the torture device that passes for an airline seat en route to France. *Out of Hand's* Paris is no Paris that ever was, except in fantasy and dreams.

The book's organization is exactly like that of a standard travel guide: hotels, restaurants, shopping, sights, etc. But you won't find your favorite little hotel in the 7th Arrondissement here; instead, there is, for instance, the Hotel Helas (*helas* means "alas" in French). "Paris's answer to Heartbreak Hotel," where handkerchiefs are handed out with room keys. Or the Petit Hotel du Moyen Age ("Little Hotel of the Middle Ages"), where the sink and shower fittings are shaped like gargoyles, and one of the rooms is a dungeon.

The Hotel Rating Guide includes symbols for such things as "Uncomfortable beds," "Phones in rooms. Volume assistance for those who can't speak French," and "Fezzes not required in public areas."

Other attractions are the nightclub where reverse stripteases are performed — i.e., the dancers put their clothes on. Along with laundromats (some may actually exist) and other services, there's the "Service Kidnapping" ("Kidnapping Service" — no explanation required). One of the shops is "Arse Poetica," which sells pants, and one of the museums is the "Musée de Gastronomie mais pas Degustation" — "The Museum of Gastronomy but no Tasting," where patrons are warned not to bring along an appetite. Another "sight" is a bank named "Credit Egyptian," with automatic teller machine whose directions are written in hieroglyphics (the book kindly provides translation, such as "Give!" and "You are the owner of the gold").

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'Hollow Reed' offers no simple solutions

By Renata Polt

Frank (Jason Flemyng), live-in lover of Hannah (Joely Richardson), seems to be working hard at establishing a relationship with Oliver (Sam Bould), Hannah's 8- or 9-year-old son. Yet the solitary, quiet Oliver seems to avoid him, going so far as to sneak out his bedroom window and running away.

So, what's going on? And what's going on when Ollie repeatedly gets hurt, first with a bloody wound on his face, then with a crushed hand?

Ollie's father, Martyn (Martin Donovan), a doctor, realizes that Ollie's explanations for his injuries don't compute. Our own suspicions are confirmed in a scene early in the film — Angela Pope's *Hollow Reed* — when we see Frank brutally punishing Ollie for a trivial transgression. The last one to catch on is Ollie's mother Hannah, too frantically in love with the handsome, persuasive Frank to see the truth. It takes another episode of violence for her to admit it.

Hollow Reed is a modest, realistic film from England that lays out a number of problems of modern family life. Child abuse isn't the only one. When Martyn tries

to get custody of his son, he realizes that the fact that he's openly homosexual and living with his lover, Tom (Ian Hart), will count against him. Asking Tom to move out for the duration seems the most prudent thing to do, although by doing it, Martyn risks losing both Tom and Ollie.

It's easy for us to forget, living in the liberated Bay Area, that much of the rest of the world's attitudes towards homosexuals are years behind ours. And even here, wouldn't an openly gay parent in a custody dispute be at a disadvantage against a heterosexual parent in a seemingly stable relationship? On top of the societal disapproval, there's that of the spurned ex-mate: "No-one is going to take away my son and hand him to a couple of faggots," exclaims Hannah.

The social welfare people and the courts prove to be as difficult as Martyn has feared. In court, the judge allows Hannah's lawyer to grill Martyn and Tom mercilessly about how and when they

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Joely Richardson and Jason Flemyng in 'Hollow Reed.'

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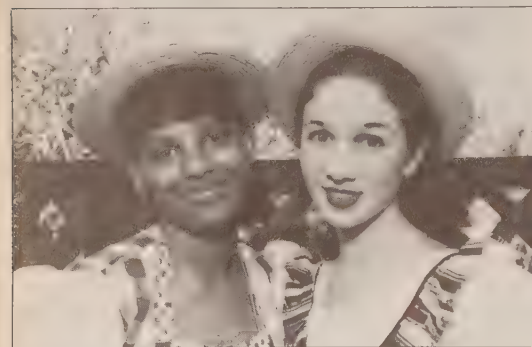
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premiere of a new work by NCCO violist Kurt Rohde, entitle *Oculus*. The group will also perform Edvard Grieg's *Holberg Suite, Op. 40*; Alberto Williams' *Segunda Suite Argentina Para Instrumentos de Arco*; and Benjamin Britten's *Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge, Op. 10*.

The group will perform on Friday, May 2 at 8 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave. Tickets are \$22 adults, \$10 youth call (415) 392-4400.

High school to perform rock musical

Berkeley High School Performing Arts Department is preparing for the West Coast Premiere of *Blood Brothers*, a rock musical by Willy Russell. The show is billed as a blend of comedy and tragedy that explores the complexities of the British class system. Performances are at 8 p.m. on May 2, 3, 9 and 10 in the Florence Schwimley Little Theatre, Allston Way near Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Tickets are \$5. For more information call 644-6502.



(From left) Kyna Scott and Jarusha Rosenthal-Kambic perform.

Local youth appear in 'Music Man'

Three Berkeley youth are a part of the cast that will present *The Music Man* at the Julia Morgan Theater May 2 - May 4. Mickala Cheadle, 8, a Franklin School student, Nick Nelson, 16, Berkeley High School, and Maggie Grove, 11, Longfellow School, will appear in the Belasco Theatre Company production of the nostalgic trip down to River City and a glimpse of 1912 small town life.

The Music Man, which premiered in New York City in 1957, uses the catchy rhythm of a train to introduce a group of traveling salesmen, including "con" man Harold Hill, who makes his living selling band instruments and disappearing with the money before the instruments arrive and doesn't count on Marian the librarian's sharp eye for swindlers. What develops is brings a remarkable change to Hill's character. Added to that is a clever barbershop quartet that comments on the action.

The May 2 opening will benefit Emerson Elementary School. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children. The theater is located at 2640 College Ave. For reservations or information call 943-SHOW.

Slide show/reading at the library

Mary Tomita, author of *Dear Miye: Letters Home from Japan, 1939-1945*, will present a free reading/slide show at the Berkeley Public Library's South Branch, 1901 Russell St., on Saturday, May 3, at 4 p.m.

Tomita, a Nisei working in Japan at the start of World War II, was stranded there. Through letters written to her two closest friends, she chronicles her turbulent life — defining herself against the demands of American and Japanese cultures, freedom and restraint, comparative luxury and extreme hardship, inside privilege and alien status.

Tomita received a master's degree in Oriental languages, American history and library science at UC Berkeley and worked as a school librarian for many years. *Dear Miye* won the 1996 Special Book Award from the Association of Asian American Studies. For more information call 644-6860.

High school jazz ensemble needs help

The Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble has been invited to perform in Europe this July at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, the prestigious international festival attracting many of the world's most sought-after jazz musicians. Herbie Hancock, George Benson and Quincy Jones were among last year's headliners. The ensemble has also been invited to play at the North Sea Jazz Festival in The Hague, Netherlands and is the only high school band invited to the event.

Upcoming concerts include:

- Tyrone's on Broadway, May 4, 2 p.m. combos only, \$15, advance ticket sales only, call 527-8731;
- Black and White Ball, May 10, 11:15 p.m., 1 Market Plaza;
- Kimball's East, May 12, 7:30 p.m., \$15, ensemble and combos;
- Jazz on Fourth Street, May 18, free
- Little Theater, Allston Way, June 5, 7:30 p.m., \$8 general, \$3 student/seniors/faculty.

To help raise travel funds, the Jazz Ensemble and Combos are performing several times this spring. The total cost of the trip is estimated at \$60,000 and a fund-raising committee has been formed by the Jazz Ensemble Parent Support Committee. Donations can be sent to the Parent Support Committee at 1530 Edith St. Berkeley, 94703. Checks should be made payable to the Berkeley High School Development Group/Jazz Ensemble

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As the program's Master of Ceremonies, Sellars introduced the artists and guest of honor, and also covered adroitly during changeovers on stage.

"Friends" who followed included pianist Sarah Cahill, who opened the program with a delicate and compelling performance of China Gates (composed for her when she was a 17-year-old student at the SF Conservatory of Music) and Mack McCray playing its companion piece, the much darker and more intricate Phrygian Gates, a 26-minute pianistic tour de force, composed for and dedicated to McCray.

These works, Adams explained in the program notes, constituted his first coherent statements in his new language of minimalism.

Violinist Stuart Canin and pianist Marja Mutru presented the Bay Area premiere of Adams' *Road Movies*, one of several recent

forays he has taken into the world of chamber music. The three contrasting movements presented a rich manipulation of thematic material. The third and final movement was, as much of Adams music tends to be, motor-driven and highly kinetic (it is no wonder that his compositions have often been used by choreographers).

Midway through the program Sellars introduced Adams who took the microphone and began by thanking the audience and participants.

"This is just an earth-shattering event for me. That's probably not a good word to use here in Berkeley." He recounted how his real birthday (Feb. 16) had been celebrated at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam where he conducted a concert of his own music and pieces by Miles David and Duke Ellington. In introducing the Crowden School String Ensemble, Adams echoed the enthusiasm of everyone present when he stated, "The real reason we're here is to

support this incredible school."

With these words of introduction, the ensemble marched down the aisle, two abreast, to take their place onstage. Squeezed tightly together, all 31 young musicians (including the composer's 12-year-old daughter and first violinist, Emily, and 10-year-old son Sam, a pianist by choice but bass player in the Ensemble) awaited the arrival of conductor, 15-year-old Morgan Staples. Taking the podium with an air of authority, Staples gave the downbeat for the Ensemble to begin one of Adams' best-known works, *Shaker Loops*. What followed was an interpretation filled with dynamic nuances and musicality. The astonishingly

sophisticated performance received a well deserved standing ovation.

The concert concluded with two orchestral arrangements of Astor Piazzolla tangos played by members of

the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Kent Nagano, another long-time collaborator and friend of the composer. Soloists for the two pieces were Crowden alumni, violinists Nicole Joseph-Goteiner (performing *La Mufa*) and Jory Fankuchen (Todo Buenos Aires).

Adams prefaced the closing performance by saying, "I'm ashamed to say it, but I was a bit late jumping on the Astor Piazzolla bandwagon. What I did discover was that none of his tangos were arranged for orchestra."

In describing these works, Adams concludes his written program notes by stating, "In an era when so much contemporary music has become so theoretical and sterile, the enormous expressive power of Piazzolla's music, together with the simplicity of its rhetoric, ought to provide a model for other composers."

Judging by Sunday's concert, the same could be said of John Adams.

'This is just an earth-shattering event for me. That's probably not a good word to use here in Berkeley.'

—JOHN ADAMS

Important dates

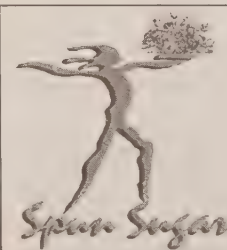
May 3: Print deadline for festival calendar.

May 25: Web site deadline

May 8 - 10: 1 to 5 p.m., bring a favorite photograph of Berkeley to festival headquarters to be included in "Berkeley, A Personal View," an exhibitions scheduled for June at the Berkeley Store Gallery.

May 8 - May 31: Come to the headquarters to decorate a kite for the June 1 Kite Flight at the Berkeley Marina.

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Reed

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met, when and where their affair was consummated, etc. The intention is to make them look bad, and without a confession from Frank or any honesty from Hannah, and with the little boy's stonewalling, Martyn doesn't seem to have a chance.

We'd like for Hannah to show some guts and resolve the situation, but Richardson's Hannah, a nurse, is too much afraid to mess up yet another relationship, and she's easy prey for Frank's slick, easy promises. Sam Bould's Ollie

Paris

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The restaurants listed are no less fanciful. For example, there's "Patte a la Main" ("Paw in the Hand"), where dogs are served as well as people. In one of the book's many vocabulary mini-lessons, you are given the French for "One more platter of blood sausages for my bulldog, and a vegetarian pizza for me."

Other vocabulary morsels include helpful phrases such as, "There's a cockroach in my croissant" and "Our waitress just gave me a black eye and dumped this cassoulet in my lap. She also tore my stockings."

Do you get the picture? *Paris Out of Hand* straddles several fine lines, the ones between the whimsical, the poetic and the downright silly. It's strongly influenced by Surrealism, Symbolism, and Dada (the authors quoted

is such a winnow... we're cheering for... in the end it's his... brings about a des... There's nothing... tious about Holl... distinguished by... straight across... What lifts it... docudrama is its... refusal to settle for... My one complaint... acter of Frank is... lousness to believ... with hurting Ollie... also directly attac... tionally. Do peop... disgusting? Maybe so.

are the likes of... Apollinaire, Char... Max Jacob, Andre... Paul Valery). It... fine gift for the... your acquaintance... son about to visit... ready somewhat... it, or for yourself... ing to go. It won't... about the real Paris... few real places, many... symbol, are mentioned... put you into a certain... tain? Maybe uncertain... Local author Kar... Gordon has written... book entitled *The Detective Vampire*, and... Nick Bantock is the... Griffin & Sabine... capricious little... prised in part of letters... envelopes bound... You can see a trend...

Crazy

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their time until the Follies comes to town. The eight beautiful Follies Girls, with Carley Praml as a saucy Tessie stepping out of the chorus line to win Zangler's heart, precision tap and high-kick with spirited zest. Wearing little red bows here and there and slinking on in full show girl drag at the big finish (costumes by Kimberly Mayer and Jan Koprowski), they're an eye-popping sight to see.

The CCCT orchestra, Larry Golding, Michelle Hinton and Jo Lusk led by Music Director Pat King on the piano, got rhythm all right and more than do justice to the great Gershwin songs. The imaginative two-story, Old West-rustic set was created by Matt Flynn.

So the pratfalls and sight gags

sometimes threaten to... hand, the singing occasi... below Met standards and... while the show seems... for the size of the trou... company do themselves... many El Cerrito citizens... port their community... The dancing is super... tion, engaging enter... to finish... "Why would... movies on Saturd... crashes when they... ing live entertainment... Louis Flynn, lon... rector. CCCT co-le... late wife. Bettyann... Polly's father in Cra... question to the packed... final curtain fell, follow... applause. No one could... anyone would and need...

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Walker to speak

Acclaimed novelist Alice Walker will spend Mother's Day eve, May 10, at King Middle School to talk about her latest book, *Anything We Love Can Be Saved*. She will also be welcomed by U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass as a new resident to Berkeley. King Middle School is located at 1781 Rost St. in North Berkeley. A \$10 advance donation is requested, \$12 at the door, to benefit KPFA Radio. For information call 848-6767, ext. 609.



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Dishing the Dish
with The Maven

Well, Pasta Pomodoro is open on College and Lawton in Rockridge. This makes the fifth Pomodoro - the others are all in San Francisco. The decor in the roundhouse-like restaurant in its first venture into the East Bay is modern industrial-minimalism. Not many tables inside, but a nice outdoor patio which should enliven the street even more. It's exciting to see lots of people strolling the avenue at night.

As for the menu at Pomodoro: There are 14 different types of pastas and sauces ranging from cappellini to ravioli, with something called cavatappi in the middle. Prices for these range from only \$4.25 to \$6.50. There are five panini, four salads, polenta, and soup. Sadly, there are only five wines, whose producers inexplicably, are not listed on the menu. The Maven hasn't had a chance to visit Pomodoro yet, but we'll give 'em time to settle in and report back to you...

Across the street and down the block, Oliveto will be hosting Lamberto Frescobaldi, Stefano Benini, and winemaker Niccolò d'Afflito from Marchesi de' Frescobaldi winery of Italy for a dinner May 2. The restaurant will be offering an a la carte menu with dishes to match seven of the producer's wines. For reservations and prices, call 547-5356.

Oliveto has been around for 10 years, and it claims to have served 2 million meals. Maven mentioned the recently completed renovation at the restaurant last week, which includes a wood-fired rotisserie and live-fire grill for which to cook wild game; a wood-burning oven to prepare roasted meats and pizza; an expanded kitchen; a spiral railing leading to the upstairs dining room; olive wood bars and cabinets; and improved lighting, ventilation, and acoustics...

Another restaurant which has been around awhile, is Marilyn Renzler's Poulet over on the southern edge of the Gourmet Ghetto in Berkeley. Poulet will be celebrating its 18th year on the corner of Shattuck and Virginia this week. Aside from Chez Panisse and Saul's, Poulet has been around longer than anyone in the GG. Congrats Marilyn...

Another fixture on the food scene - Celia's Mexican Restaurant on Fourth Street in Berkeley, which has been around for nearly 20 years, will be featuring live music all next weekend to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Check it out...

A further indication that Stars Oakville in the Napa Valley will not be opening its doors again, is the fact that executive chef Peter Hall has moved on to Piatti in Yountville down the road. The Robert Mondavi Wineries own the property in Oakville. Wonder what will become of the space...

Some upcoming film, music, club and concert info: Wente Vineyards Sparkling Wine Cellars in Livermore has announced its Summer Series, Tuesdays beginning June 17 through Sept. 2 - Gordon Lightfoot, John Denver, John Tesh, Boz Skaggs, Ann Murray, Dan Fogelberg, the Neville Brothers, Wynonna Judd. Call 447-3023 for more info...

The Berkeley High Jazz Ensemble, which has spawned some world-class jazz musicians including Joshua Redman and Bennie Green, has a series of spring performances coming up to raise money to send the musicians to the Montreux and North Sea jazz festivals in July. The Ensemble will be performing at Kimball's East May 12, at Jazz on 4th Street May 18, and June 5 at the Little Theater. As of the beginning of the month, only \$25,000 of the needed \$60,000 had been raised. To find out additional dates for the series call 527-8731, and to send your contributions, mail checks to BHS Jazz Ensemble Parent Support Committee, 1530 Edith, Berkeley 94703...

Maven: One who thinks they know everything about something. Have any restaurant tips for The Maven? Fax us at 339-4066.

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Berkeley Community Media (B-TV), Channel 25. Some evening programming repeats the following morning. All programming not listed; please check on-air program guide.

Thursday May 1, 1997

First Time Producers - 6 a.m.; 6 p.m.; 11:30 p.m.
Hall of Health: Your Immune System - 6:30 a.m.
Berkeley City Beat (replay): City Health Program for Kids - 7 a.m.
FSTV (free speech tv) - 7:30 a.m.
Youth Works - 9:30 a.m.
Festival by the Lake: Dann Tann - 10 a.m.
KLTV: The Spectrum - WICCA Witchcraft & Paganism - 10:30 a.m.
Live from Berkeley High (LIVE) - 11 a.m.
Clean Water, Clear Choices - 11:30 a.m.
Senior Information Journal: Fitness & Health for Seniors - 2 p.m.; 10:30 p.m.
Intrepid Berkeley Explorer: Mayavision - 3 p.m.
AARP: Prostate Cancer, Difficult Choices, Difficult Decisions - 4 p.m.
Live with Rick Sylvain - 4:30 p.m.
Art & Education Media: Runaways - 5 p.m.
Video Feedback: Prop 218 & May 6th Election - 5:30 p.m.
UC Berkeley: CNS News Magazine: Writing on the Wall - 6:30 p.m.

Friday May 2, 1997

First Time Producers - 6 a.m.; 6 p.m.
UC Berkeley: CNS News Magazine: Writing on the Wall - 6:30 a.m.
Council Connection (replay): Margaret Breland - 7 a.m.
XTV (experimental tv) replay: Bohipnics - 7:30 a.m.
Video Feedback: Prop 218 & May 6th Election - 8:30 a.m.
In The Groove - 9 a.m.
Berkeley City Opera: Carmen - 9:30 a.m.
Forte: Queen of Hearts - 12 p.m.
Culture Shock: Identity - 12:30 p.m.
Berkeley City Beat (replay): City Health Program for Kids - 1 p.m.
Gospel Search: Holiday Special - 1:30 p.m.
KLTV: The Spectrum - WICCA Witchcraft & Paganism - 2 p.m.
Conversations on International Affairs - 4:30 p.m.
Video Rock Central - 5:30 p.m.
Dance Chance: Mexican Folk Dance with Ballet Folklorico - 6:30 p.m.
Video Pal Italia: Flamenco Studio - 7 p.m.

Wee Poets: Who We Be - 7:30 p.m.
A Touch of A Poet (episode 14) - 8 p.m.
Bay Area Country Videos - 8:30 p.m.
Live from Berkeley High (replay) - 9 p.m.
David Vogel: Trading Up - 9:30 p.m.
Festival by the Lake: Dann Tann - 10:30 p.m.
Art & Education Media: Alice Walker: Re Censorship - 11 p.m.

Saturday May 3, 1997

First Time Producers - 6 a.m.
Dance Chance: Mexican Folk Dance with Ballet Folklorico - 6:30 a.m.
Video Pal Italia: Flamenco Studio - 7 a.m.
Wee Poets: Who We Be - 7:30 a.m.
A Touch of A Poet (episode 14) - 8 a.m.
Bay Area Country Videos - 8:30 a.m.
This is India - 9 a.m.
BHS Cinco De Mayo Assembly - 9:30 a.m.
Ward Valley Wilderness or Nuclear Wasteland? - 10:45 a.m.
Ethnic Health in America - 11 a.m.
XTV (experimental tv) replay: Richard Howell - 1:30 p.m.
Video Feedback: Prop 218 & May 6th Election - 2:30 p.m.
Berkeley 25 LIVE (LIVE) - 3 p.m.
UC Berkeley: CNS News Magazine: Writing on the Wall - 3:30 p.m.
Forte: Queen of Hearts - 4 p.m.
Hall of Health: Your Immune System - 4:30 p.m.
David Vogel: Trading Up - 5 p.m.
Who's In My Kitchen? Soups - 6 p.m.
On The Move: Quad Tandem Sky Diving - 6:30 p.m.
The Coffeehouse: Berkeley High Jazz Series: Michael Hammond Combo - 7 p.m.
Citizen Vargrom - 7:30 p.m.
A Little Latin Music: Mariachi Juvenil Sol de Mexico - 8:30 p.m.
The Intrepid Berkeley Explorer: Mayavision - 9 p.m.
A Boy & His Dog (episode 8) - 10 p.m.
Live with Rick Sylvain - 11 p.m.
Gospel Search: Holiday Special - 11:30 p.m.

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Wee Poets: Who We Be? - 1:30 p.m.
Touch of A Poet (episode 14) - 2 p.m.
Bay Area Country Videos - 2:30 p.m.
A Little Latin Music: Mariachi Juvenil Sol de Mexico - 3 p.m.
Live from Berkeley High (replay) - 3:30 p.m.
A Boy & His Dog (episode 8) - 4 p.m.
BHS Cinco de Mayo Assembly - 5 p.m.
Ward Valley Wilderness or Nuclear Wasteland? - 6:15 p.m.
Mystic Cross: Angles - 6:30 p.m.
Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Meeting (LIVE) - 7 p.m.

Tuesday May 6, 1997

First Time Producers - 6 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Mystic Cross: Angles - 6:30 a.m.
Berkeley Housing Update (replay) - 7 a.m.
A Boy & His Dog (episode 8) - 7:30 a.m.
Culture Shock: I-Pride Multi-Cultural Organization - 8:30 a.m.
Senior Information Journal: Resources/Services for People with Low Vision - 9 a.m.
Art & Education Media: Beatzone Poetry Reading - 10 a.m.
In and Around Arcata - 11:30 a.m.
Who's In My Kitchen? Soups - 12 p.m.
On The Move: No Better Place to Be - 12:30 p.m.
The Coffeehouse: Berkeley High Jazz Series: Michael Hammond Combo - 1 p.m.
Citizen Vargrom - 1:30 p.m.
AARP: Listen Up! Wise Up! Hand Up! - 2:30 p.m.
Video Pal Italia: Flamenco Studio - 3 p.m.
Live from Berkeley High (replay) - 3:30 p.m.
Gospel Search: Music Special - 6:30 p.m.
Berkeley City Special Election Coverage (LIVE) - 7 p.m.

Sunday May 4, 1997

Berkeley City Beat (replay): City Health Program for Kids - 8 a.m.
Council Connection (replay): Margaret Breland - 8:30 a.m.
Video Feedback: Prop 218 & May 6th Election - 9 a.m.
City Council Meeting (replay from 4/29/97) - 9:30 a.m.
BHS Cinco de Mayo Assembly - 1 p.m.
Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Meeting (replay from 4/28/97) - 6 p.m.
Live from Berkeley High (replay) 10 p.m.
FSTV (Free Speech TV) - 10:30 p.m.

Monday May 5, 1997

Who's In My Kitchen? Soups - 6 a.m.
On The Move: No Better Place to Be - 6:30 a.m.
The Coffeehouse: Berkeley High Jazz Series: Michael Hammond Combo - 7 a.m.
Citizen Vargrom - 7:30 a.m.
Live with Rick Sylvain - 12 p.m.
Dance Chance: Mexican Folk Dance with Ballet Folklorico - 12:30 p.m.
Council Connection (replay): Margaret Breland - 1 p.m.

Wednesday May 7, 1997

First Time Producers - 8 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Video Rock Central - 8:30 a.m.
Forte: Mabiba Baegne JunJun Drummer - 9 a.m.
Gospel Search: Music Special - 9:30 a.m.
A Little Latin Music - 10 a.m.
AARP: Listen Up! Wise Up! Hang Up! - 10:30 a.m.
Live from Berkeley High (LIVE) - 11 a.m.
Nostalgia Dei Sensi: The Story of Cafe Trieste - 12 p.m.
Mystic Cross: Angels - 12:30 p.m.
Berkeley Housing Update (repeat) - 1 p.m.
Where's the Love? (Ain't No Love) - 1:30 p.m.
FSTV (free speech tv) - 2 p.m.
This is India - 4 p.m.
Home Schooling Stands to Reason - 4 p.m.
The Coffeehouse: Freddie Roulette - 5:30 p.m.
KLTV: The Spectrum - Media Advertising & Consumerism - 6:30 p.m.
Le Conte School - 7 p.m.
BUSD School Board Meeting (LIVE) - 7:18 p.m.

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Goings On About Town

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Ongoing
Tribal Bellydance classes with "Luna" at No Sweat, 1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley 528-1958, every Tuesday & Thursday at 7:45 p.m., Saturday at 4:30 p.m. \$7 fee.

Community Events

May 2
Berkeley Gray Panthers; 10:30 a.m.; Peace and Justice Committee; call 527-3790.

May 3
Friends of the El Cerrito Library Bag Sale: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; El Cerrito Farmers Market at el Cerrito Plaza. \$2 a bag for books of your choice.
May Day Celebration: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; live music, puppets, entertainment and education for kids at Berkeley Farmers' Markets, Center St. at Martin Luther Kind, Jr. Way, 548-3333.

Jump into the Flow: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; help the Friends of Five Creeks clean up Cerrito Creek; meet on the south side of the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot under the J-5 sign near Kains St.; 528-5760.

May 4
Art auction: 12 - 4 p.m.; fund-raiser for the Berkeley Public Library Foundation Berkeley Public Library North Branch, 1170 The Alameda, 644-6850; \$10 fee.

Job hunter's orientation: 1:30 p.m.; offered by the YWCA Turning Point Career Center; 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-6370.

May 7
Berkeley Gray Panthers; 1:30 p.m.; May membership meeting; updates from the Tritium Work Group; North Berkeley Senior Center; 1901 Hearst St., Berkeley; 527-3790.

May 8
Solo Sea Kayak Expedition: 7 p.m.; Leigh Moorhouse discusses her five month, 2,100 mile kayak journey to raise \$100,000 for the Breast Cancer fund, REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 527-4140, x. 208.

Drop-in Support Group for job seekers and career changers; offered by YWCA Turning Point Career Center; 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$5/\$10.

Ongoing
Song Contest: Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 94706. Deadline is Oct. 15.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Car pro-

gram, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

20 Year Reunion: Holy Names High School Class of 1977; call Seaneen McCarthy at 530-0350.

Exhibits

May 3 & 4
East Bay Rose Society: 1:30 - 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday; 50th Anniversary Rose show at Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland.

Ongoing
Collage and Drawing- Colleen Schenck: features 12 unusual works by the artist; Valley Art Gallery; 1661 Botelho Dr., Walnut Creek; through May 17; 935-4311

Lectures and Workshops

May 1
Julia Morgan, *Architect of Dreams*: 5:30 p.m.; Ginger Wadsworth discusses

her book and techniques involved in bringing biographies alive for today's young readers; CHS Museum, 678 Mission St., San Francisco, (415) 357-1848 x. 13.

"The Good Marriage: How and Why Love Lasts" 4 - 6 p.m.; the course is full, all spaces in this lecture have been reserved and there is a waiting list. The location has been changed from Alumni House to Zellerbach Playhouse in order to accommodate more people; 643-8093.

May 2
City Commons Club; noon luncheon; Richard Davis, specialist on emigrant trials, "The Sierra Crossing, 1852: a Slide Show" Berkeley City Club; 2314 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 848-3533 for reservations.

May 4
University Avenue Adopt-a-Block Garden Party: 10 a.m. - noon: "The most significant urban planting of native trees in the Bay Area;" meet in front of the

West Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave., 849-2103.

"Faith and Doubt in Buddhism" 6 - 7 p.m.; Buddhist historian Leslie Bradburn discussed faith and doubt from a historical and personal perspective at The Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley, 843-6812.

May 6
"Assess Your Skills and Deal Yourself a Winning Hand;" 4 p.m., lecture at the YWCA Turning Point Career Center; 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$10/\$15.

Childcare as a Home Business: 12 - 1 p.m.; lecture discussion, guest speaker Madeline Weinstein; Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-6370; \$3.

May 8
Using the Telephone to generate leads and interviews; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; mini-workshop; Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$3.

Planet Earth: 11 a.m.; Dahlia Miller tells of her experiences in the Ecuadorian Rainforests; Kensington 55+ Activity Center; Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

Ongoing
Learn to Write and Perform Your Own Poetry: 3:30 - 5 p.m.; poet and author, Richard Moore; Berkeley Public Library South Branch, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley; through May 27; 644-6860, 548-1240 (TDD).

Literary Events

May 1
Carol Field: 7:30 p.m.; author of *The Hill Towns of Italy* shows slides and describes Italy's beautiful and ancient towns; Easy Going Travel & Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 843-3533.

Linda Yablonsky: 7:30 p.m. *The Story of Junk*; Black Oak Books; 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698.

May 2
Robert Boswell: 7:30 p.m.; *American Owned Love*; Black Oak Books; 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698.

May 4
Hannah Gelman Givon: 2 p.m. *We Shake in a Quake*; appearing with the local artist David Ural; Barnes & Noble; 2352 Shattuck, Berkeley; 272-9237.

Bill Roller: 7:30 p.m.; *The Promise of Group Therapy*; Black Oak Books; 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698.

May 5
Anne Lamott: 7:30 p.m.; *Crooked Little Heart*; Black Oak Books; 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698.

May 6
Kathleen and Gerald Hill: 7:30 p.m.; a presentation on *Victoria & Vancouver Island: the Almost Perfect Eden*; Easy Going Travel Shop & Bookstore, 1617 Locust St. Walnut Creek, 947-6660.

Patrick McCulley: 7:30 p.m.; *Silenced Rivers: The Ecology and Politics of Large Dams*; Black Oak Books; 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698.

May 7
The Rainforests of Home: Profile of

a North American Bioregion; 7 p.m.; Book signing, talk and slide show at Ecology Center Bookstore, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 548-3402.

Cafe Poetry: 7:30 p.m.; Mother's Day reading; featured readers & open mic; La Peña Cultural Center; 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568; \$2.

David Harris: 7:30 p.m.; *The Last Stand*; Black Oak Books; 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698.

A Tribute to PAK-One; 6:30 p.m.; celebrate the life of graffiti artist Chris "Pak" Jimenez, live music, art, food; La Peña Cultural Center; 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568; \$10.

May 8
Medea Benjamin; 7:30 p.m.; *The Peace Corps and More: 175 Ways to Work, Study, and Travel at Home & Abroad*; Easy Going Travel Shop & Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 843-3533.

James Houston: 7:30 p.m.; *In the Ring of Fire: A Pacific Basin Journey*; Black Oak Books; 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698.

Dr. Elmer Grossman: 7:30 p.m.; *Everyday Pediatrics for Parents*; Barnes & Noble; 2352 Shattuck, Berkeley; 272-9237.

Music

May 1
Ricky & the Rounders: 9:30 p.m.; with Jeff Bright & the Sunshine Boys; The Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 841-2082; \$5.

Brian Kinney: 8:30 p.m.; Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; (510) THE-TAPS.

Jessica Jones Quartet; 8 p.m.; jazz improv based in the traditions of Mingus and Ornette Coleman; La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568; \$8 - \$12.

Ralph Stroeble sings musical memories; 9 - 11 a.m.; Red Cross blood pressure check available, potluck lunch will be served; Kensington 55+ Activity Center, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

May 2
"A Benefit for Cuban Puente;" 10 p.m. - 2 p.m., live band, poetry reading, floorshow, Caribbean Spice Restaurant and Dance club, 1920 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 843-3035; \$10 cover.

Original Heads: 6:30 p.m.; Slydenmike; 8:30 p.m.; Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) THE TAPS.

The Martinis (with Joey Santiago) 9:45 p.m. with 7th Betty, Basketball Jones; The Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 841-2082; \$6.

Hedzoleh Soundz: 9:30 p.m.; West African Highlife; La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 849-2568; \$8.

May 3
Berkeley New Music Project: 8 p.m.; graduate student composer organization of UC Berkeley's third concert; Hertz Hall on the UC Berkeley campus; 653-3213.

African Night, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m., DJ

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May 4
Crowden Show...
7:30 p.m., Berkeley...
Walnut St., Berkeley, 849-2568.

May 6
Colibri: 3:30 p.m.,...
Latin America, Berkeley...
Children's Room: 2000...
3943; and at 7 p.m. North...
The Alameda; 644-6850.

Cajun Zydeco...
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May 7
Alphabet Soup: 8...
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May 8
Sativa Blue: 9:30...
Jesse DiNatale Band: The...
3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley...
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That One Guy: 8:30...
2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley...
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Revival: 8 p.m.,...
jazz; La Peña Cultural...
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Ongoing Meetings
May 1
Metaphysical Tones...
p.m.; informational...
speaking skills and metaph...
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Thursdays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Religion
May 3
Yom Ha'Shoah: 6 p.m.,...
for Humanistic Judaism;...
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Center commemorates Yom...
1414 Walnut St., Berkeley; 849-2568.

May 4
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by Karen Senzig

Just about a year ago, I visited Continental Volvo on East 14th (now International Boulevard) and was impressed with the people who professed to be the dealership "Where people make a difference." The testimonials and letters of appreciation from customers who came from all over Northern California, from Stockton and Sacramento to Santa Rosa and Monterey, bore that out. It was a beautiful, comfortable place to find that new or used Volvo you always dreamed about while your children played in the special play station, complete with a big screen TV (with a library of videos) that would intrigue a child of any age. So, I was surprised when the boss suggested that I check out the Grand Opening of their new showroom.

"Did they move?" I asked, wondering if after 36 years of serving their customers in that Oakland location, they were moving to an Auto Row friendly site and/or abandoning Oakland like so many dealerships have lately? "No", I was informed, "but I think you'll be surprised."

I walked into a big beautiful Art Gallery, three large rooms filled with every brand new Volvo model you can imagine, surrounded by walls-full of the most eclectic selections of artwork. The children's play station was still there, as interesting as before, but my eyes were drawn to the back of the grand middle room

where a cream colored 1966 Volvo Sports Coupe, beautifully and completely restored by owner Achim Ehrhardt, was displayed. I thought that this car looked familiar, and when I looked it up on the Internet (yes, I finally got the computer hooked up correctly and am trying to drive, albeit slowly, on the information super highway), I learned that it was similar to the 1959 Volvo P1800 sports car that (the original) Simon Templar "The Saint" drove. There is a photo of Roger Moore in front of a Volvo when he played the part hanging in the play station-but there is more Roger Moore than Volvo, so I wasn't sure it was the same car.

As I roamed around, trying to capture the remodeled showroom on film (I know about as much about cameras as I do automobiles), I watched what I thought was a workman unpacking some very interesting artifacts. He was a bit curious as to what I was doing taking pictures all about and after I explained that I was from *The Hills Newspapers*, I discovered that this was owner Achim Ehrhardt, who began as a mechanic over 36 years ago at this new location.

Last year I learned that Achim had become partners in the dealership a few years after starting there. He built an award winning Service Department convinced the sale wasn't

completed when the new car drove off the showroom floor and that the relationship with the customer was in for the long term. A little over 6 years ago, he found a gem in salesman, George Neri, whose philosophy mirrored his own and was based on the concept that "respect for the customer must come from the heart". Shortly after joining the dealership, Achim made George the General Sales Manager. Together, they have defined their guideline to business success: "The purpose of our existence is to serve our customers well and earn a lifetime of loyalty; to create an environment in which our employees will grow personally and feel they are part of a team that is making a difference; whatever we do, it must be excellent-there has to be quality."

It is obvious to me that with Mr. Ehrhardt's commitment to service, maintenance and repair and Mr. Neri's dedication and respect for the customer, they became the dynamic team that earns Continental Volvo the accolades of their very many customers.

I was fascinated by the artifacts that Achim continued to unpack, while he described each piece in detail. These particular native masks, shields, weapon looking things and even a large mother-of-pearl neck piece (maybe jewelry?) were all authentic. He told me how he found them while traveling in the Fiji Islands. They were all very old, most 50 to over 70 years, and they had found them in attics and odd little places.

Achim took me up to his office to show me a collection of paintings that he and his wife

found in South Africa while on a KGO (radio?) Explorer Club tour. They are intricate paintings (ink and water color I think) of animals and landscapes of a game preserve outside of Capetown. There is also a set of 10 stark but intriguing photographs of African Tribal people. However, the artworks are not just from interesting places and artists from around the world. Achim's wife is an artist in her own right and while several of her paintings are displayed throughout (my favorite is the Volvo Hubcap collage in the entry room above one of the offices mainly because it's so full of whimsy and color-but it really isn't as beautiful as the oil or acrylic-in Achim's office). She, knowing the artist community, has helped bring some very interesting pieces to the collection. On the far wall of the 2nd (or middle) showroom are these bursts of color that I can only describe as sculpture paintings that the artist calls "Life of Color". Another one that is irresistible, from a Napa artist (at the top of the stairs in the third room of the showroom) is a chair and a glass top table using primarily manzanita. The legs and base of the table will capture your imagination.

That's right, you can enjoy this display this Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd & 4th, and there is no charge at all. You may even want to browse among the special assortment of Volvo's that will be on display for these two days only. Included among them will be the new Volvo S70 and 850, the Volvo all-wheel-drive and the V75. Also take a look at the new Volvo

"Police" cars. The Volvo home page on the Internet stated "all equipment including special police and communications equipment, is factory fitted, thereby assuring a high quality level." Don't miss Achim's fully restored 1966 Volvo 1800S. He told me he wouldn't sell it, but he'd drive it from here to New York and back!

Unless you've been a Continental Volvo customer or one of the many artists you will miss the by-invitation-only Gala Grand Opening of the newly

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If you have a question, send it care of *Hills Newspapers*, 5700 Lakeside, CA 94619 or FAX to (510) 532-3778. Mail to ksenzig@aol.com



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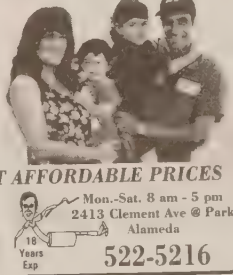
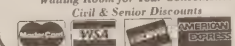
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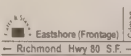
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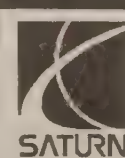
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firecracker there. Her own birthday, October 25, is also yellow with a pink border. She shares (she was thrilled when she learned this) her birthday with a friend and client, Jennifer, so Jennifer is on the page too.

It was at the title company that we found out that Anet and Jennifer were born on the same day. Part of signing closing papers at the title company is having signatures notarized.

"A perfect birthday message," she says.

"Life is worth living but only worth living," she sings. She stops, and now, rather than sings, she says, "And now here's the grand finale," before singing with a loud flourish, emphasizing every syllable, "You're born free."

People on Anet's singing list love this madness. Often she leaves the song on a message machine, then hears back later in the

after a while it seemed silly.

Anet's book was always up-to-date and more complete than mine. Now, as in many other parts of life involving the recording of data, I rely on Anet. She never lets me down.

Anet celebrates our buyers' anniversaries. She consults her diary daily and at just the right time, a few days prior to each anniversary of a house purchase, Anet sends a congratulatory card, marking the envelope "Do not open until..."

She writes a little note that she signs, then passes the card to me for my signature. Talking and singing come more easily to Anet than writing notes.

She wants the note to be just right, so she spends some time considering the message, making a draft on scratch paper before committing to the final version. Only then does she tape on the money.

Each card holds brand new one-dollar bills—one for the first anniversary, two for the second, and so on.

One of our clients got six dollars this year, six precisely-spaced, overlapping and taped-on-the-back dollar bills. Anet really liked that. She showed me how pretty they were.

The same client called us sometime last year, saying that he was thinking about selling, moving to another house.

Anet said, with just a little panic in her voice, "But you'd have to start all over again and this is the year you get six dollars."

The client knew what she meant. He decided to stay put.

Anet Tarpo and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents and residential specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

Top honors for agent Terry Jue



Terry Jue of Mason-McDuffie's Albany office is presented with President's Club honors by office manager John Cashman. Jue also received "Top Lister" honors for the office at Mason-McDuffie's recent awards ceremony and convention in San Francisco.

Mason-McDuffie Real Estate President and CEO A. David Cobo recently announced the company's 1997 President's Club, honoring exceptional achievement in real estate sales. Based on annual gross commissions, the

President's Club consists of the top 5 percent of Mason-McDuffie's 1,500 agents.

President's Club members include Lillian Braudy, Terry Jue and Juliana Wynberg of the company's combined

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'I played it over three times and laughed all the way through. I called my mother and played it to her and she laughed.'

The client gets out her driver's license to prove who she is. The escrow officer writes down the license number and the client signs the notary book.

As this ritual is being completed, Anet says, "May I just see your license for a moment?" She does this every time. Into her day book goes the client's birthday.

Some family members and a few close friends get an unusual gift from Anet—a birthday song.

Usually first thing in the morning, when it's still too early for me to talk, let alone sing, Anet calls the birthday person and sings with amazing vitality a rendition of "Born Free."

Years ago, she explains when asked, she realized that she'd never liked the traditional "Happy Birthday"—too mundane, too dumb. She substituted "As free as the wind blows, as free as the grass grows, born free to follow your heart."

day, "I played it over three times and laughed all the way through. Then I called my mother and played it to her and she laughed."

Occasionally a friend who has been personally sung to laments, "I wish you'd gotten my machine. I'd rather have my song on tape so I could listen to it again."

Every year in August or September, Anet starts looking in stationary stores for her new day planner. It's early yet but she's anxious to transfer all her dates to the pages of next year's calendar.

She's disappointed when the new one isn't available yet, excited when it is. She can hardly wait to get it home and spend a cozy Saturday morning sitting up in bed copying the entries from one year's book to the next.

When we first started working together, I kept my own appointment book, recording business dates and times, dentist appointments and other reminders, but

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Probate sales: real estate's stepchild

By H. W. Moss

Probate properties are the used cars of the real estate market. They rarely get washed, nobody spends money tuning them up or having their blemishes removed before they come on the market. They are generally more risky to purchase than almost any other type of property with the possible exception of foreclosures.

So one wonders why probates have such a cachet about them. Seminars are devoted to getting rich buying probates, books are written which tell the secrets of acquiring probates at discount and the general belief is that one has the potential of at least getting a better deal by buying in probate court than on the open market.

Yet that flies in the face of reason. The California Probate Code defines the procedures and a local court oversees the propriety of a deal to make sure an estate is not looted or shorted.

Governmental entities also have a stake in seeing that the highest price is obtained. In addition to a selling price, property taxes, estate taxes and documentary transfer taxes will be paid and it is in the best interest of these tax collectors to get the highest price for a property.

Then there's the probate judge who is certainly not on anyone's side. The judge is interested in only three things, according to Mark D. Zimmerman, a San Francisco broker familiar with the probate process.

"All the judge wants to know is did the property appraise, do we have ten percent cash in escrow and are all the contingencies removed?" said Zimmerman. "The

judge doesn't care about the buyer. The court is there to protect the interest of the estate. The court doesn't care who the heirs are."

Throughout the process, clerks make certain all the proper procedures have been followed and that the property was advertised for sale in a publication of general circulation. That's in addition to being offered in a multiple listing service.

"The court confirms and has the assurance that we have found the highest and best bid through the hearing procedure," said Christine Nahnsen, assistant director of San Francisco's Probate Department. "The chance of getting a bargain at that point is kind of slim. And it's like any auction. People get auction fever and might even bid higher than they thought they would."

Not all probate sales are subject to the court confirmation process. Under the Independent Administrator Rule, an executor may make a decision to take an offer without going to court for confirmation.

It is true that the minimum offer for a probate court can accept without a reappraisal is ten percent below the appraised price. Realtors become involved in most probate sales and frequently place an asking price on the property somewhat above the actual appraisal.

Unfortunately, that appraisal is not always available to buyers. In fact, it may not be revealed until after the actual court confirmation. Zimmerman told of a Russian Hill property which sold last week. When it finally went for confirmation, the appraisal was revealed to be \$1.6 million instead of the \$3.9 million which

was the final confirmed sale price.

So, while it is possible to buy a probate property at discount, they remain the last bastion of *caveat emptor*, which once characterized the entire real estate industry. A purchaser of probate property does not have the assurances that normally come when buying on the open market. And without a warranty, the buyer takes the risk of quality upon himself.

Probated property is sold in "as is" condition. It is put on the market in order to settle an estate, usually to pay taxes but that is not always the case. Sometimes there is a need to divide an estate between heirs who do not want to be in the real estate business or who don't get along.

One aspect does work to the benefit of a probate buyer which is not normally an element in other purchases. Unlike most other property, a probate must be sold. The administration of an estate needs to be resolved. By contrast, a typical property offered for sale has a living owner who can choose not to sell at less than asking.

This need to sell may result in a discount to the buyer, but there are hazards. The probate environment is one of the few exceptions to California's disclosure law. Executors and administrators are under no obligation to disclose the condition of the property and usually state they have no knowledge of its condition.

Purchasers have the right to examine it, of course. As with any listing, agents do have a duty to disclose. They must disclose what they know if that knowledge would materially affect the purchase of the property.

Although the state does have a

procedural code, the actual probate system varies in every county throughout the state. Therefore, the system is not the same in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Even the names change. In San Francisco, a probate examiner reviews the file prior to the hearing to be sure that proper procedures have been followed.

In Oakland, probate paralegals perform this task. There may not even be a separate probate court in smaller counties and one anecdotal story tells how a man wearing an orange jumpsuit was in the audience during a probate sale. Afterwards, he was sentenced by the same judge.

A free probate court guide, a 96-page volume entitled "San Francisco Superior Court Probate Manual and Probate Referees' Guide," is available from the San Francisco Daily Journal. Call Amy Eichelberger at (415) 252-2488 to get a copy. The manual only contains the probate court rules for San Francisco.

Purchasing probates can be worthwhile but an extra ounce of protection does not hurt. Just like the real world, anything is possible. Buyers can ask for terms from sellers of probate, the heirs, and depending on the circumstances, they can carry all or some of the paper, make repairs or warrant something.

But they are under no obligation to do this. "Buyer's must be careful to kick the tires because it's somebody else's game," observed Zimmerman.

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Taking title, a primary

How should you take ownership of the property you are buying?

This important question is one California real property purchasers ask their real estate, escrow and title professionals every day. Unfortunately, though these professionals may identify the many methods of owning property, they may not recommend a specific form of ownership, as doing so would constitute practicing law.

Because real property has become increasingly more valuable, the question of how parties take ownership of their property has gained greater importance. The form of ownership taken—the vesting of title—will determine who may sign various documents involving the property and future rights of the parties to the transaction.

These rights involve such matters as: real property taxes, income taxes, inheritance and gift taxes, transferability of title and exposure to creditor's claims. Also, how title is vested can have significant probate implications in the event of death.

The California Land Title Association (CLTA) advises those purchasing real property to give careful consideration to the manner in which title will be held. Buyers may wish to consult legal counsel to determine the most advantageous form of ownership for their particular situation, especially in cases of multiple owners of a single property.

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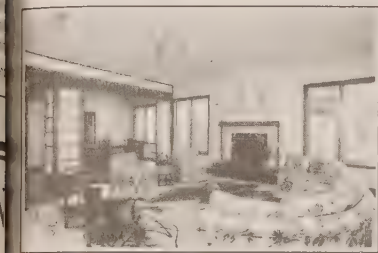
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Last year, AT&T decided to "spin off" one of its companies, NCR Corporation. In a unique twist, the firm distributed the spin-off shares of NCR to about 1.7 million shareholders in the first certificateless transaction of its kind.

Through a process known as "electronic registration," or "direct registration," shareholders received account statements notifying them of their new shares. Other companies will soon be fol-

Are stock certificates passé?

lowing this process.

Typically, when a company declares a stock spin-off or stock split, the company issues stock certificates to investors who hold shares in their own names.

However, direct registration allows companies to distribute account statements to investors instead of stock certificates as proof of ownership. Direct registration benefits the company because it is cheaper and easier for the company to issue and track new shares.

Investors accustomed to holding certificates may not consider direct registration such an advantage. These investors may have to change the way they trade their stock as more and more transactions are processed in a certificateless fashion.

Typically, when you want to sell stock in which you have possession of certificates, you simply deliver your certificates to your broker to settle your trade.

However, if you decide to sell shares acquired through direct registration, you cannot use the ac-

count statement as a substitute for stock certificates.

You have to request to receive stock certificates for your shares or deal directly with a transfer agent to complete your sell transaction. Keep in mind that both of these options will lengthen the time required to execute your trade.

Also, because a transfer agent does not have to abide by the same time limits as your brokerage firm, selling through a transfer agent means you may not be able to sell your shares at your desired price objective or desired time frame.

One way to simplify the confusing process that could be brought about by direct registration is to register your securities in "street name."

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Street-name registration makes sense if you are looking for an easier way to track securities in your portfolio for record-keeping and tax-reporting purposes.

While direct registration may be good news for scrippophiles (collectors of rare stock certificates), it may create some confusion and headaches for some investors. But make no mistake, direct registration is the wave of the future.

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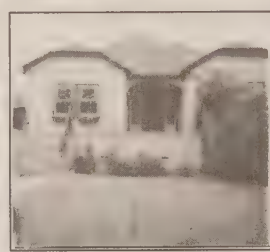
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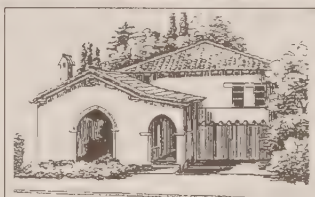
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Title...

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A form of vesting title to property owned by husband and wife during their marriage which they intend to own together. Community property is distinguished from separate property, which is property acquired before marriage, by separate gift or bequest, after legal separation, or which is agreed to be owned only by one spouse.

In California, real property conveyed to a married man or woman is presumed to be community property, unless otherwise stated. Since all such property is owned equally, husband and wife must sign all agreements and documents of transfer.

Under community property, either spouse has the right to dispose of one half of the community property, including transfers by will.

For example: Bruce Buyer and Barbara Buyer, husband and wife as community property.

• Joint tenancy

A form of vesting title to property owned by two or more persons, who may or may not be married, in equal interest, subject to the right of survivorship in the surviving joint tenant(s).

Title must have been acquired at the same time, by the same conveyance, and the document must expressly declare the intention to create a joint tenancy estate. When a joint tenant dies, title to the property is automatically conveyed by operation of law to the surviving joint tenant(s). Therefore, joint tenancy property is not subject to disposition by will.

For example: Bruce Buyer and Barbara Buyer, husband and wife as joint tenants.

• Tenancy in common:

A form of vesting title to property owned by any two or more individuals in undivided fractional interests. These fractional interests may be unequal in quantity or duration and may arise at different times.

Each tenant in common owns a share of the property, is entitled to a comparable portion of the income from the property and must bear an equivalent share of expenses. Each co-tenant may sell, lease or will to his/her heir that share of the property belonging to him/her.

For example: Bruce Buyer, a single man, as to an undivided 3/4 interest and Penny Purchaser, a single woman, as to an undivided 1/4 interest, as tenants in common.

Other ways of vesting title

• Corporation*:

A corporation is a legal entity, created under state law, consisting of one or more shareholders but regarded under law as having an existence and personality separate from such shareholders

• Partnership*:

A partnership is an association of two or more persons who can carry on business for profit as co-owners, as governed by the Uni-

form Partnership Act. A partnership may hold title to real property in the name of the partnership.

• As trustees:

A trust is an arrangement whereby legal title to property is transferred by the grantor to a person called a trustee, to be held and managed by that person for the benefit of the people specified in the trust agreement, called the beneficiaries.

• Limited liability company (L.L.C.):

This form of ownership is a legal entity and is similar to both the corporation and the partnership. The operating agreement will determine how the L.L.C. functions and is taxed. Like the corporation its existence is separate from its owners.

In cases of corporate, partnership, L.L.C. or trust ownership, required documents may include corporate articles and bylaws, partnership agreements, L.L.C. operating agreement and trust agreements and/or certificates. Remember, how title is vested has important legal consequences.

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Landslide liability, III inverse condemnation

Public entities must pay a fair price when their acts or omissions damage private property, known as inverse condemnation or when they take property for public purposes—called direct condemnation. Both are rooted in constitutional prohibitions against taking and, in the case of the California Constitution, damaging private property without paying just compensation to the property owner.

In the case of inverse condemnation, the public entity is said to have taken some portion of the value of your property by damaging it, thus rendering it liable to you in the amount of the property's loss in value.

Usually, public entities are liable for disturbing land stability even if the activity causing the slide or movement is not itself negligently performed.

Thus, for example, if the construction of a road or an underground excavation in connection with the removal of a condemned

property result in land movement or other damage to a neighboring property, it will be liable for the amount of that damage.

Another common example is of landslide or earth movement resulting from underground or surface water movement triggered by the activity or failure to act of a responsible public agency.

When such a problem arises, it is necessary to file a real property damage claim with the offending agency within a specified time of the occurrence.

If, and only if, the public agency fails to respond satisfactory within a specified period of time, the property owner may file suit the diminution of value to the property resulting from the agency's behavior. If the aggrieved property owner succeeds in proving that the property was damaged as a result of the substantial participation of the public entity in a public use activity, he will be entitled to recover appropriate dam-

ages.

Alternatively, you may also be liable for property owner's personal injury trespass, nuisance.

A major difference between the two approaches is proof of fault on the part of the property owner.

On the other hand, the agency's liability is available, liability is found under the theory.

Every once in a while, it reminds me like this can be a recovery in cases much more money turns out to be negotiated successfully.

One should mind when considering that proof problem to be more difficult, that various have to be determined costs and delays less than perhaps substantial.

All of these factors carefully evaluate the money you consult with the ones outlined in the one.

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Market improves; prices rise

The median price of single-family detached homes in California rose \$1,700 to \$110,000 in March, marking a 1.5 percent increase over the previous month and a strengthening of the state's housing market.

The increase was the largest monthly gain in the statewide median price since January 1980, according to the California Association of Realtors.

Association President Bob Lusk said the price appreciation was "a recovery in home prices" and is becoming broader throughout the state.

"Home price appreciation is occurring not just in the San Francisco Bay area, but throughout California," Kulick said. "Furthermore, the annual increase in home transactions appears to indicate that the California housing market is catching up with the rest of the nation."

Association analysts said the California housing market remained healthy in March despite predictions that the Federal Reserve Board's decision to raise short-term interest rates might hurt sales.

The median price of homes in the San Francisco Bay area in March was

\$276,230, up 4.1 percent from February.

Home prices in the wine country region were \$182,550 in March, and the median price for all of northern California was \$131,850.

Other median prices for homes in Bay area cities during March included Lafayette, \$402,000; Moraga, \$330,500; Berkeley and Alameda, \$238,000; Oakland, \$157,500; and San Pablo, \$112,000.

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Choices for low-maintenance cover

By Buzz Bertolero

Q: I am looking for a low-maintenance ground cover. By low maintenance, I mean once established I would not have to do any thinning, pruning, or replanting for three years or so and within the first year it would keep the weeds out.

A: It should be frost tolerant, grow in full sun and reach a height of three to five inches. What candidates do you recommend?

A: There are three ground covers to consider: Scaevola mauve clusters, the fan flower, Helianthemum, the sunrose and Erodium chamaedryoides, cranes bill. They are available in gallon cans rather than in flats and I would space them two to three feet apart.

The closer together they are planted the faster they will fill in and plan on them taking 12 to 18 months. I would treat the area first with herbicide to kill the vegetation that is currently growing. Once it has turned brown, amend the soil with soil conditioner and other organic mater to improve

the drainage.

Q: My grapefruit tree is about 20 inches tall and is a prolific producer. However, it is suffering from a black deposit on approximately 20 percent of the foliage and about 20 to 30 percent of the fruit. The deposit washes off the fruit easily and does not effect the taste. Old timers call it 'sooty mold.' What causes it? How can it be eliminated?

A: Sooty mold is a black fungus that grows on a clear sticky substance that is produced by sucking insects. With citrus it is usually aphids, and scales, and sometimes mealy bugs. These insects suck the plant juices out of the leaves and pass it through their bodies.

Eliminating the insects is the best way of controlling the sooty mold. Since the problem is so extensive I would guess your problem is scale and would spray the plant with ultra-fine oil. The oil will suffocate the insects.

Q: I have a patch of old lawn (25 by 15 feet); I have just in-

stalled an automatic irrigation system. Now that I have an efficient watering system I want to upgrade the turf. The existing lawn is quite poor. I've heard of overseeding. Will this work and how do you use it?

A: Overseeding is a simple process. Rake the area to remove excess debris and scratch the bare areas. Next apply the seed and a pelletized fertilizer and cover the area with a 1/4 inch layer of peat moss or soil conditioner.

The key step is to not let the seed go dry, otherwise you start over. Also, do not let the water puddle because the seed will float and bare spots will develop. Use the top dressing as an indicator as to when the area is getting dry. At this time of year, it will take two to three sprinklings per day until the seed germinates.

Listen to Buzz Bertolero, the Dirt Gardener, Saturdays, 6 - 8 a.m., on KNBR 68, "The Sports and Gardening Leader." His e-mail address is dirtgardener@aol.com. Visit his Web site: www.dirtgarden.com.

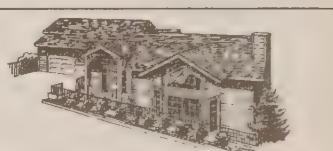
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Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

Capital Showcase presents the **East Bay Spring Home and Garden Show**, 1 to 8 p.m., Fri. May 2, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. May 3 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun. May 4 at Jack London Square in Oakland. Get ideas to bring your garden back from the winter doldrums or learn how to update your kitchen and bath. Among the products offered, you'll find alarm systems, cleaning supplies, water conditioning systems, window blinds and more. General admission is \$5, children 12 and under are free.

Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present **Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying Your Own Home**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat. May 3 at 1225 Solano Avenue in Albany. Learn how to set priorities and investigate neighborhoods. Team up with industry professionals for an overview of the buying process, straight talk about interest rates, and strategies for minimizing closing costs. Reservations are required. Call 718-2134.

The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., May 3 BEC presents **Estimating the Cost of Labor and Materials** with contractor John Reed, and Art Guerrero will present **Hands-On Waterproofing**. On Sat. and Sun. May 2 and 3 the center hosts Paul Allen's **Basic Home Repair and Improvement** and contractor Jim Patterson's **Concrete Foundations: Hands-On**. On Sun., May 4, Andrus Brandt will conduct the workshop **Drywall: Hands-On** and kitchen and bath designer Beverly Wilson will present **Kitchen Design Fundamentals**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

The Merritt College Horticulture Department invites you to its **Annual Horticultural Spring Sale**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat. and Sun., May 3 and 4 at the department, 12500 Campus Drive, Oakland. This year's sale will emphasize rare and unusual perennials and shrubs from around the world. Gourmet vegetable starts, annuals and art for the garden will also be available. Plant experts will be on hand to help with your selections. You are also invited to tour the department's demonstration gardens. Call 436-2418 for more information.

The Monterey Center neighborhood hosts a **Spring Celebration**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat. May 3 on Hopkins between Monterey and McGee avenues. Come enjoy the food and listen to the music and join in the fun.

Harvey Clar's Estate Auction Gallery invites you to **Intermediate and Gallery Auctions**, Sat., May 3 and Sun. May 4. The intermediate auction will feature decorative art, ceramics, glassware, house wares, rugs and furniture of all kinds. The gallery auction features fine art, wine, pianos, fine silver, porcelains, jewelry and a large variety of American, European and Asian antiques. Previews will be held Fri., May 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sat. and Sun., May 2 and 3 beginning at 9 a.m. Call 428-0100 for more information.

The Ecole Bilingue de Berkeley presents the **1997 Kitchen Tour and Raffle**, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun. May 4. Join the oldest self-guided house tour in the Bay Area for a celebration of *le jardin potage des enfants* (the children's kitchen garden) in celebration of the publication of Georganne Brennan's book. Join Narsai David and Chef Panisse chef Jean-Pierre Moulle in the Sponsor Breakfast for \$75 or the kitchen tour and luncheon for \$40. Visit eight inspiring kitchens and meet the designers and architects as they answer your remodeling questions. Call 524 6247 for more information.

The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Mon., May 5 BEC presents inspector Redwood Kardon's **Avoiding the City Building Code Inspector Blues**. Planner Joel Peter will host **Buying Land** on Wed., May 7. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Catherine Teegarden of Commonwealth United Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., May 8 at the First American Title Company, 1544

Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203 fixers. Owner-occupants can buy fixed-up properties for no money down single home and multiunit properties, sell them quickly and realize your profits. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Realtors, homebuyers and nonprofits are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarden at 210-8103 for information and reservations.

The El Cerrito Garden Club invites its members and guests to **Preview Three Private Gardens**. Maps and directions will be available after 9:30 a.m., Thurs., May 8 at the Contra Costa Civic Center, 951 Pomona (at Mooser Lane) in El Cerrito. Refreshments will be served at one of the gardens. There is a \$2 fee for guests. Members are free. Call Dee Pruyn at 527-7409 for more information.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. invites first-time home buyers to a free **No-Money-Down Seminar**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sat., May 10 at 5540 Elderly St. in Oakland. Learn about credit repair, no-money-down purchases, non-occupant comortgages, budgeting, down-payment-assistant programs, lease options and the loan process. Call (800) 801-1320 to register.

The Orchid Society of California invites you to its annual **Mother's Day Weekend Blooming Orchids Show and Sale**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri. May 9 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun. May 10 and 11. Admission is free. The show will be held at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue in Oakland's Lakeside Park. Potting demos, growing information and cultural supplies and information will be available. Blooming rare orchids, dendrobiums, cattleyas, phalaenopsis and more will highlight this three-day event. Call 531-1210 for more information.

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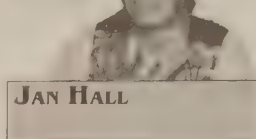
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CALI-FLORA



JAN HALL

Living in Massachusetts my favorite season was spring. It was the shortest of the seasons. Here in California, spring is still my favorite season. The best part of the spring in the Bay Area is that the season lasts much longer than in the Northeast.

Spring assaults my senses with magnificent shades of new green growth. There is no time of the year that leaves attain such a delicate soft green. The spring green is but a harbinger of things to come—incredibly fragrant blossoms.

Unfortunately, spring presents me with the frustration of sneezing, wheezing, hacking, coughing, choking, crying. My allergies are not the subject of this article, merely the instigator.

Fragrant bloomers are a delightful addition to the garden. Six odoriferous plants, listed somewhat in order of bloom and smell time are: sarcococca, pink jasmine, Pittosporum undulatum, freesia, star jasmine and Rhododendron fragrantissimum. These are a few fragrant plants that I either would plant or have planted

The scents of spring

in a clients garden, my garden or plants that I have kept in my garden.

The plants I have chosen to describe are obviously fragrant and can survive quite nicely (save the rhododendron) in the East Bay. In this article I will discuss sarcococca, pink jasmine and Pittosporum undulatum; freesia, star jasmine and rhododendron will appear in part two.

Sarcococca is not, in my eye, a good looking shrub. It has waxy dark green leaves. It produces inconspicuous flowers in winter or very early spring. Despite its blandness in the landscape, being a shade lover makes it a usable plant. Tucking it into a shady corner that is not an important visual space gives you a nice green filler and an incredible sweet aroma when in bloom.

Jasminum polyanthum, or pink jasmine, is a very aggressive vine, meaning you must prune it often. Evergreen and a lover of sun and adequate water, pink jasmine makes a great fence cover as it grows to 20 feet. Blooms are white, but the buds are pink. Flowering in early spring it provides a few weeks of beautiful color and typical jasmine aroma.

The only draw back, that I see, is that once it finishes blooming the flowers turn brown and persist on the vine. Since there is a multitude of flower there will be a lot

of dead, withering plants, pruning is tedious, order to down plant dead flowers.

Pittosporum undulatum is a very nice, low growing shrub. The early flowers are very fragrant. The Victorian box is a tree, as a screen hedge. One of my lizes it bordering forms a nice, dense fruit litter is a produces sticky, it is difficult to sweep.

Check out your get a look and a other fragrant part of my job nurseries every not just to parents and my check out new see, smell and feel.

Jan Hall is the owner of Jan Hall's Garden, a garden design company. She can be reached at 6946.

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- 7117 SNAKE ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$425,000
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 Blaine St. - \$106,000
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 Buenaventura - \$175,000

3321 Columbian Dr. - \$120,000
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 4188 Manila Ave. - \$150,000
 5116 Manila Ave. - \$215,000
 1301 Mountain - \$269,000
 2710 Mountain Gate - \$440,000
 6480 Oakwood Dr. - \$339,000
 6705 Oakwood Dr. - \$225,000
 8430 Outlook Ave. - \$173,500
 2735 Ritchie St. - \$122,000
 769 Rosemount Rd. - \$176,000
 72 Templar Pl. - \$340,000
 670 Vernon St. - \$155,000
 5435 Wadean Pl. - \$119,500

PIEDMONT
 18 Cambridge Way - \$293,500
 6000 La Salle Ave. - \$327,000
 107 Pacific Ave. - \$680,000
 316 Scenic Ave. - \$557,500

SAN LEANDRO
 1645 141st Ave. - \$165,000
 1586 165th Ave. - \$173,500
 860 Bancroft Ave. - \$206,500
 632 Black Pine - \$167,000
 380 Breed Ave. - \$225,000
 2396 Claridge Pl. - \$156,000
 14789 Crosby St. - \$142,000
 1200 Estudillo - \$198,000
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SAN LORENZO
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 16133 Silverleaf - \$243,000
 2111 Via Rancho - \$163,500
 16046 Via Toledo - \$163,000
 18300 Via Toledo - \$206,000

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ALAMEDA
 TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$84,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$403,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$274,722

ALBANY
 TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$147,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$205,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$176,000

BERKELEY
 TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$135,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$244,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$189,200

EL CERRITO
 TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$155,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$241,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$198,000

EL SOBRANTE
 TOTAL SALES: 1

PRICE: \$115,000

EMERYVILLE
 TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$113,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$230,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$171,750

OAKLAND
 TOTAL SALES: 29
 LOWEST PRICE: \$61,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$440,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$206,689

PIEDMONT
 TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$293,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$680,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$464,500

SAN LEANDRO
 TOTAL SALES: 14
 LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$235,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$171,571

SAN LORENZO
 TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$243,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$182,545

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Strong price index sends rates down

On April 24 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage for the week fell 8 basis points to 8.08 percent from last week's average of 8.16 percent.

In the fourth week of April 1996, this bellwether rate stood at 7.92 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) fell 3 basis points from last week's average of 5.89 percent to 5.86 percent.

A year ago, the national average for the one-year ARM start rate was 5.74 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, is 7.62 percent, down 9 basis points from last week's average of 7.71 percent.

A year ago, the average 15-year interest rate was 7.43 percent.

"The economy is strong but we have not seen signs of inflation in the Consumer Price Index, which has been running fairly consistently at about 3 percent," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Robert Van Order. "When the market is less worried about inflation, interest rates will usually drop a bit."

"Monday we should get new about the volume of new home

sales and this will have some impact on mortgage interest rates in the near future."

This year Freddie Mac celebrate the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

The organization supplies lenders with the money to make mortgages and then packages these mortgages into marketable securities.

In this way Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by home buyers. Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened the doors for one in six home buyers in America.

On March 31 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for April payments at 4.723 percent, down 10 basis points from the 4.821 percent that was in effect for March payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages. The index for May payments was set yesterday after we went to press.

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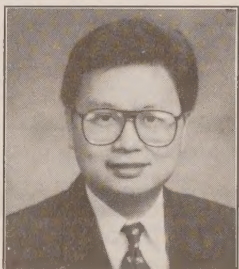
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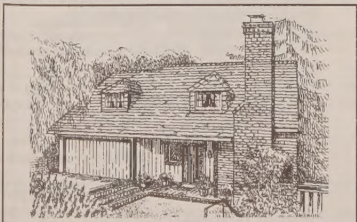
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Events...

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The Golden Gate Chapter of the **American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI)** hosts its monthly meeting Thurs., May 15 at Hs Lordship's Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. Home inspectors who belong to ASHI of those interested in joining and meeting other professionals are invited to attend. Along with a regular chapter business meeting, Les Williams, owner of Les Williams Gutters and Sheetmetal will discuss proper roof gutter installation and maintenance as well as the compatibility of gutter materials and gutter installation defects. The \$35 cost includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for more information.

Cal Fed presents a series of free **Brown Bag Lunch Time Home Buyer Seminars**. The seminars are held the third Fri. of each month. The dynamic Nate Brooks of RE/MAX in Motion will present **The 16 Secrets Every Home Buyer Should Know Before Talking to a Real Estate Agent**, at 12:10 p.m., Fri., May 16 at Cal Fed, 1325 Broadway in Oakland. These seminars will teach you the exact steps you'll need to protect yourself when buying a home. Call Gary Robinson at 530-4789 or Ivory Hart at 834-3392 for more information.

The Hillside Gardeners of Montclair invite you to the **Montclair Garden Tour**, noon to 3 p.m., Sat., May 17. Five gardens will be open for viewing. A reception will be held at the last garden from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost of the tour and reception is \$18.50. Proceeds will go towards the club's scholarship fund and civic beautification efforts. The club annually awards scholarships to horticulture students. Some of the club's beautification efforts are evident in the planting tubs throughout Montclair Village and the lot at Masonic and Moraga. Call 339-1404 for tickets or for more information about the tour.

Dana Levy of Dean Witter Reynolds invites you to the free seminar **Taking Your Lump Sum Distribution**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sat., May 17 at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Call 746-2935 for an invitation or for more information.

St. Joseph's Basilica Garden Club in Alameda hosts its **Third Annual Gardens Galore Tour**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sun., May 18, rain or shine. The tour will consist of nine Alameda gardens. A boutique will offer a large selection from Bay Area vendors. The boutique will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets for the tour are \$15 with boxed lunches available for \$6. Call 814-7152 for more information.

The Contra Costa and Oakland East Bay chapters of the Women's Council of Realtors invite you to a **Day at the Races**, Wed. May 21. Call Lee Jacobson at Pacific Union Realty, 339-6460 for ticket information.

The San Francisco Chapter of the **Institute of Real Estate Managers (IREM)** will host a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wed., May 21 at the Oakland Marriott, 1001 Broadway. Guest speaker Valjejo Police Chief Robert Nicholoni will discuss crime prevention and how communities can pull together. Call Chris Colombo at (415) 243-9313 for information and reservations.

Now is the time to prepare for **East Bay Habitat for Humanity's Build-A-Thon** fund-raiser, Fri., July 4 through Sun., July 6 and Fri. July 11 through Sun. July 13. Join over 1,000 volunteers who will raise over \$100,000 to pay for building materials for 10 new Habitat homes. Sign up early to be a part of this unique and exciting blitz build fund-raiser. Call Chris at 251-6304 for more information.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is held the first Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy rather than to rent. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations are required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 to register or for more information.

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The **East Bay Leads Club** meets 7:45 a.m. Wednesdays at the Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. The Leads Club, the largest leads generating organization in the world, is open to all business owners, salespeople, managers and professionals. During weekly 75-minute meetings, each member gives a brief business presentation and exchanges leads collected during the previous week. Call 845-6688 for more information.

The **Orchid Society of California** meets at 8 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members plant sale before the meeting. Orchid lecturers share their knowledge and provide plants for a raffle. Join the camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 531-1210 for more information.

The **Golden Gate Cymbidium Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wed. of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. A plant sale is featured before the meeting affording you the opportunity to purchase quality cymbidium plants. These meetings feature expert growers from around the world with their slides and valuable tips for growing cymbidiums. Attend this meeting and learn how to grow and bloom these beautiful plants. Call 531-1210 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047 Fax: 339-4066.



INSPECTOR INSIGHTS

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The best time to inspect your roof drainage system is during and just after a heavy rain. The next time it rains put on your rain gear, grab an umbrella and go for a tour of your domicile's exterior.

Roof drainage systems have three functions: to remove the water from the roof, to prevent water damage to the building exterior and to transport roof water away from the foundation. All of the water that lands on a roof should be collected and distributed away from the building.

First, look for water flowing over the rain gutter edges. Overflowing gutters may be too small, they may slope down and away from, instead towards the downspout openings, or the downspouts may be clogged with debris. Also look for indications of rain water flow behind the rain gutters.

Leaks behind the gutter can cause decay in the wooden eave boards. Gutter leaks are especially problematic if the eave doesn't extend out from the wall below and the gutters are located against the siding. Rain water can actually flow inside the building wall if the leaky gutter is tight against the siding.

The roofing material should extend sufficiently over the inside edge of the rain gutter to prevent water leaks behind. It may be necessary to install L-shaped sheet metal flashing to seal the roof-to-gutter connection.

If you tap on a downspout and get a dull, heavy sound, the downspout is probably clogged with debris. A downspout (or leader) can be cleaned out by using a garden hose inserted at the top of the gutter downspout connection.

If you do not have the equipment or skill to do this safely, consult a

Frequent inspection avoid roof problems

gutter specialist for an annual debris removal. An inexpensive bird cage style screen can be inserted in the gutter at the downspout opening to keep debris out of the downspouts.

Uncontrolled rain water is a primary cause of foundation problems. A concrete or plastic splash block placed at the bottom if each down-

spout can reduce erosion and direct the water away from the foundation. Ideally, the first five feet of ground, walkways, and other surfaces adjacent to the building should slope downward away from the foundation.

Uncontrolled rain water is a primary cause of foundation problems.

Often the best procedure is to provide a subsurface drainage piping system to carry downspout water away from the building. Sub drains are often installed below the sidewalks and emerge at the street gutter.

If you have a subsurface drain system be sure to test it periodically using water from a garden hose. Locate the drain outflows and check them periodically for water flow in wet weather. Steep sites often require a specially designed drainage system.

Many older homes have clay tile subsurface drain piping. These buried clay tile pipes often break or become displaced and may direct roof rain water to flow beneath the foundation instead of away. It may be advisable to disconnect downspouts from old tile drain pipes if water flows beneath the house in wet weather.

The same is true for stucco sided guardrails. A second drain above the first drain to prevent deep ponding should the primary drain come clogged.


All flat or low slope roofs should be designed to slope away from the drain openings. Since perfect, a minor amount of ponding is considered acceptable.

The roof surfaces should be completely within 48 hours of minor ponding will often cause mature roof surface damage.

In summary, the rain gutter system, the rain gutters and downspouts should be checked periodically. Periodic inspection is especially important if there are shrubs higher than the roofline could cause debris blockage.

Don't use a ladder on a roof unless you are sure you can safely. It's usually best to call a gutter specialist to inspect and repair the roof drain system.


Roger Robinson is a national and commercial inspector, inspection author. For additional information see the Star Group's web site www.stargroup.com or write to roger@stargroup.com or call 1-800-694-0315.



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Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Herb Manor 869-4227 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- MASTLANDS, P. Pines,** sunny 4bd/3ba, new kit, rec rm, fam rm \$469,000
GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400
- HARBOR DR.** Upr Rockridge 4bd/2+ba, English Tudor, deck \$459,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- SOMERSET RD.** Montclair, central fr plan, grt vws, FDR, gardn \$449,000
GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400
- SUNNYHILLS RD.** Crocker, 4/3 Normandy, library, FDR, deck \$449,000
Caldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174
- THOMAS AVE.** Rockridge 4bd/2b, nw listing! architect design \$439,000
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460
- SHAKE RD.** Montclair, 3bd/2 1/2ba, walk to village, office set-up \$439,000
Caldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174
- LASALLE AVE.** Montclair, 3bd/2ba, new paint/roof, den, patio \$439,000
GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400
- Heather Ridge,** Montclair, bay new 3bd/2+ba, Euro amenities \$425,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Randall 869-4242 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- SHAKE RD.** Montclair 4bd/3ba, SF & bay vw, 2 decks, level yd \$425,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460
- CHAMBERLIN CT.** Ridgemont 4bd/3ba, cul-de-sac, garden \$415,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- ARROWHEAD,** Montclair, top quality, sunny 3+2+, mstr, hdwd \$409,000
GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400
- SHAKE RD.** Montclair 4bd/2ba, idyllic yd highlights a fab home! \$399,000
Better Homes, Elaine Jones 547-5715
- ROSS ST.** Rockridge, beam ceilings, corner frpl, 3/2 1/2, garden \$399,000
Pacific Union, John Karnay 339-0400
- BULLARD DR.** Montclair 5/3, hdwds, frpl, rec rm, office space \$379,000
Caldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174
- ANDREWS ST.** 3+bd/2ba, gourmet kitchen, fine detailing \$379,000
Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 272-9030
- LAKESHORE AVE.** Crocker, prairie style, 4bd, lg LR, sep DR \$379,000
GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400
- SONIA ST.** Upr Rckrdge 3bd/3b Spanish Med, mstr, FDR, nw list \$369,000
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460
- 330 KENMORE AVE.** 1920's duplex, 2bd each unit, sun porch \$349,000
GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400
- STARVIEW DR.** Hiller, 3/2 cheery, circular drive, mstr w/vwl \$349,000
Caldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174
- VALLEY VIEW RD.** Montclair 3bd/2ba contemporary, \$349,000
every setting. Family or shared. By Owner 339-0679. Agents Welcome.
- COLTON, NW listing,** 3/3 retreat w/deft studio/ofc, walk village \$349,000
Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 531-7000
- KLAMATH, Skyline Hills,** 3bd/2ba, updt kit, bay views \$344,500
Caldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174
- LAKESHORE, Crocker, LR w/bay windows, EIK, office, garden** \$339,000
GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400
- TART AV.** Rockridge 4/2, can be 2 units, nr College Ave/BART \$339,000
Caldwell Banker, Ed Kuo 339-0400
- SKYLINE BL.** Montclair 3/2, lofty views! wrap-around decks \$339,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1670
- CHARING CROSS, Hiller,** stunning 3bd/2 1/2ba w/fab upgrades \$329,500
Better Homes, Harry Kress 339-8400
- TRESTLE GLEN, 3bd/1 1/2ba** Crocker Highlands Tudor \$329,000
Bobby & Associates, Abby 748-5300
- CAPELL ST.** Haddon Hill, huge rms, grt rumpus, 3/2, mstr suite \$325,000
GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400
- BUTTERS DR.** Montclair Hills 2+2 beauty, sauna, decks, view \$325,000
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400
- GREENWOOD, Crocker/Glenview border,** 2+bd/2ba \$325,000
Better Homes, Sue Williams 482-5077
- CREED RD.** New listing! Trestle Glen 3/2 Med, bit 74 yrs ago \$319,000
Caldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174
- SEQUOYAH RD.** Sequoyah Hills, custom 4/4, 2500 sf of \$319,000
Incredible mstr suite, Pool, decks, patio. S.M.S RE 415-558-9666
- SHEPHERD CANYN, 3bd/2ba, hdwds, skylits, nr parks, biking** \$319,000
GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400
- CLARENDON CRESCENT, Crocker 3/1+, ultimate kit, nw bath** \$319,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- BRENTWOOD RD.** Upper Oakmore, cozy 3bd/2ba charmer, \$299,900
woodwds, FDR, eat-in kitchen, landscaped yd w/bay view. Michael 482-4064
- LONGBRIDGE RD.** Crocker ranch, level-in, 3/2, hdwds, pvt yd \$299,500
Caldwell Banker, Darcy Diamantine 339-1174
- BURLINGTON ST.** Lincoln Hts, 4bd/2ba, bay view, garden \$299,000
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860
- GLENWOOD GLADE, Montclair 2bd/1+ba cottage, pvt, 2 frpls** \$299,000
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460
- WRENN ST.** 3bd/2ba w/south bay view \$289,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Dana Eng 869-4233 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- DAVENPORT, Redwd Hts 4bd/2ba Med, lg garden, nw listing** \$289,500
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460
- LYMAN, Oakmore 2+bd/1+ba Tudor, LR w/frpl, deck & yard** \$289,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- MANZANITA DR.** 3bd/2ba nr Snake & Skyline, what a view \$289,000
Bobby & Associates, Lois 748-5300
- 6920 SARONI DR.** Montclair 2+bd/1 1/2ba, one level, lg yd, sunny \$289,000
Better Homes, Lois C. Johnson 339-8400
- 5677 CABOT DR.** Montclair 3bd/2ba, custom design, garden setting \$289,000
Better Homes, Mel Copland 339-2109
- 384 62nd St.** Nw listing! gorgeous 2/1 craftsman, kit/fam rm, deck, yd \$285,000
Templeton Company, Susie Schell 652-2133 X144
- 5608 MERRIWOOD DR.** Montclair, sunny, unique, charm and \$279,000
character, updated. Best value! First Open. 339-9001
- 5644 ESTATES DR.** Upr Rockridge 3/2, country charm, upgrades \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 7650 HANSON DR.** Sequoyah 3bd/2ba, move in condition! reduced \$272,000
Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 339-9281
- 4628 STAUFFER PI.** Redwd Hts, one level 3bd, EIK out to lg patio \$269,500
Caldwell Banker, Adrianna Giacomelli 339-1174
- 201 CRESTMONT, 3bd/2ba** contemporary, rumpus, grt So.Bay vws \$269,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 4437 ANDERSON, New list** 3/2, refin hdwds, 2-car gar +hobby rm \$249,500
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000
- 4031 ARDLEY, Glenview, 3bd/3ba,** spacious, chrm, updt, level yd \$249,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Elaine Barber 869-4204 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 3940 SEQUOYAH RD, 3/1+, pool & hot tub, hdwds, aupair w/entry** \$249,000
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460
- 724 CALMAR, NW price!** curb appeal! must see! 2/1, +rm w/entry \$248,500
Caldwell Banker, Karen Lum 339-1174
- 4174 EMERALD, Temescal, 3bd/1 1/2ba** craftsman beauty! \$245,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217 SUNDAY 1-4
- 3926 ATLAS, Redwd Hts, 3/1 w/Old English** charml details, pvt yd \$241,500
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000
- 4537 FIELDBROOK, Redwood Hts 2+bd/1 1/2ba** \$240,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Karen Blandy 869-4219 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 5373 JAMES AVE.** Heart of Rockridge 2bd/1ba, updated, pvt yard \$239,000
Better Homes, Tom Nemeth 652-6537
- 1016 ELBERT ST.** New listing! Glenview, 2bd/1 1/2ba nwly renovated, \$229,000
country living, woody setting, view. Agent 839-4395
- 3526 MONTEREY BL.** Large 2/2, 2-car garage, huge lot, Redwd Hts \$224,500
Wells & Bennett, Carrie Craig 357-7772 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 3906 PARK BLVD.** 1st open! 2bd/1ba bungalow, excellent condition \$219,950
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Allison Austin 522-8245
- 4293 WHITTLE AVE.** 2+bd/1 1/2ba, woody cul-de-sac, hdwds, patio \$219,500
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256
- 4111 NORTON AVE.** Redwood Hts 2+bd/2ba, private garden, lanai \$219,000
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400
- 3804 EVERETT ST.** Neglected Glenview charmer, sunny 2+, pvt yd \$219,000
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 530-6099
- 3800 SILVERWOOD AV.** Laurel 2/1 bungalow, hdwd, patio, gardens \$215,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460
- 76 RAMONA AVE.** Piedmont Ave, 2bd/1ba bungalow, hdwds, grt yd \$215,000
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460
- 630 HADDON RD.** 3bd/2ba fixer tral! much potential, grt location \$215,000
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460
- 250 VERNON, Adams Pt 2+3+ twins** style cond, sep. studio space \$215,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 4732 REINHARDT, Redwood Hts, 2bd/1ba, vw, workshop, reduced!** \$214,000
Better Homes, Victor Fierro 832-4339
- 3841 ARIZONA ST.** Laurel, 2bd/2ba new listing! lg mstr, quiet street \$209,500
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 3729 WISCONSIN, Redwd Hts,** Charming Spanish Med, 3bd, 2+rms \$204,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400
- 1397 ALLMAN, 2bd** bungalow, hdwds, frpl, corner lot, garage, yard \$199,000
Harbor Bay Realty, Kelly Ann & Gregg Fujita 522-6222 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 2178 HIGH ST.** Maxwell Park 4bd/1 1/2ba colonial revival, fenced \$189,000
Better Homes, Jim Schubert 436-6683
- 268 ORANGE ST.** Adams Pt 2+bd/1b Med, DR, pegged oak fra, frpl, \$185,000
appliances, move-in condition! Fenced yd, patio. Owner 652-2593 SUNDAY 1-5
- 2512 RAWSON, Maxwell Park,** romantic 2/1 bungalow, hdwds, frpl \$179,000
Caldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174
- 388 SANTA CLARA 202 & 104, NW construction,** Grand Lake, 2ba, \$169,000
vaulted ceil., hdwds, tile, in-unit laundry, yd. Owner 531-5211 SUNDAY 2-5
- 2558 SCENIC, Adorable 2bd/1ba,** above MacArthur, sunny \$159,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 2316 LAKESHORE AVE #2, Great vws/great unit!** small complex \$157,500
Caldwell Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174
- 3510 MAPLE, Great 2bd/1ba** starter with charming details \$155,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 3015 MYRTLE Unit 3, Splendid,** light-filled live/work space \$155,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X119 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 4064 SUTER, 1st open!** superb 2bd, large family room \$149,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554
- 811 YORK ST #313, Lakeshore 2bd/2ba** cond, beautiful vw, pool \$137,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Marielinda Grynol 869-4226 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 651 OAKLAND AVE #1G, Immac 1bd** cond nr Piedmont, nr shops \$66,000
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000
- 407 ORANGE #212, Adams Pt,** new listing, pvt garden patio, value! \$88,500
Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6641
- 8201 SKYLINE CIRCLE, Bayview in** Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds w/2 1/2ba High \$300,000's
by Kaufman and Broad. Spectacular views of SF bay, recreational trails, easy commute. 430-9633 OPEN DAILY 10-6, FRIDAY 1-6 and up
- ALAMEDA Open Sunday**
- 280 VICTORIA BAY, 4bd/3ba,** gorgeous Harbor Bay home \$357,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 869-4236 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 171 JUSTIN CIR.** 3bd/2 1/2ba, Harbor Bay Isles, best location, walk to \$329,000
bay trails. Realty Advocates, Brett Weinstein 428-0757 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
- 3237 LIBERTY AVE.** Fernside 2+bd/2ba, great! \$269,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, D.A. Hammond 869-4219 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 2525 WASHINGTON WAY, 3bd/1b, LR w/frpl, FDR, kit w/brkfst** nook \$259,000
bonus rm, laundry rm, deck, brick patio. Agt 814-9824 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- ALBANY Open Sunday**
- 1018 CURTIS, Stunning 2+bd/1ba** craftsman, many original details \$269,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30
- 1041 POMONA AVE.** Beautiful 2bd/1ba, location/location! Don't \$259,900
miss this! Owner 547-4246 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
- 930 ORDWAY, Albany 2bd/1 1/2ba** \$256,000
Caldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
- 1012 ORDWAY, 2bd/1ba** gem! bat views, hdwd floors, spacious \$205,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm**
- 2729 ELMWOOD RD.** Impressive 6+bd/4+ba, library, country kitchen \$885,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400
- 36 OAK RIDGE RD.** Clarendon cul-de-sac & SF vw, 4/3 Med, gardn \$775,000
Templeton Company, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 17 EUCALYPTUS RD.** Enchanting brown shingle w/SF vws, 4bd/3b \$699,000
The GRUBB Company, Melissa Beeson 339-0400
- 2714 PIEDMONT AVE.** Elegant Mediterranean in prime Elwood \$595,000
location. Master bd/bath suite plus 4 add'l bedrooms each w/private bath. Deck & patio. David Stone, Broker 547-5090/644-3636
- 2900 FOREST, Berkeley 3+bd/2 1/2ba** \$589,000
Caldwell Banker, Ritz Zwerdling 486-1495
- 825 HILLDALE, 3bd/2ba** \$459,000
Caldwell Banker, Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495
- 1198 LAUREL, Berkeley duplex** \$449,000
Caldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495
- 933 KEELER, Med beauty in the hills!** 3bd/2ba + home office \$439,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X127 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 1634-36 LA LOMA, Berkeley Duplex** \$439,000
Caldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495
- 751 SPRUCE ST.** Gorgeous 3bd/2ba Med, aupair w/sep entry, vws \$439,000
Templeton Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132
- 2345 CORONA CT.** Berkeley 3bd/2ba \$425,000
Caldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495
- 1976 MARIN, No. Berkeley 3bd, rec rm, deep garden,** many pluses \$410,000
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Terese Ashman 524-1700 X11 SUNDAY 2-4
- 1001 ALVARADO RD.** Nw listing! 2/2, unique, bay vws, sep. office \$400,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pam Cornford 869-4213 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 632 SAN FERNANDO, A rare find!** 1000 Oaks 4 1/4, gumwd trim \$399,500
Berkeley Hills Realty, Gay Austin 524-9888 X21 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 1701 THOUSAND OAKS BL, 3/2, 1-story, FDR,** bay view, hdwds \$375,000
Security Pacific, Geri Stern 234-7808 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5
- 1000 FRESNO, Henry Guttersen design.** Architect! masterpiece \$345,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 287-5770
- 1550 BEVERLY, Spacious, sunny 3bd,** large basement w/office \$339,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X132 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 1413 ALLSTON WAY, 4+3/3** brown shingle, def'd studio w/loft, pool \$320,000
Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Bruce Simon 273-9593 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 1127 SHATTUCK AV, 4/2, +rm,** storage, nice garden, nr schls/shops \$320,000
Kuwada Realty, Jim Furuchi 527-4663 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 1126 MILLER, New listing,** 2+bd w/stunning view, cathedral ceiling, \$317,000
patio & garden. Millstein Real Estate Broker, Celia Concus 527-0211
- 412 MICHIGAN, Price reduced!** 2+bd/2ba Cape Cod, Berkeley Hills \$299,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 1030 CRAGMONT, 4bd/2 1/2ba** \$289,000
Caldwell Banker, Cheryl Cahn 486-1495
- 2061 EUCLID, 3bd/1 1/2ba** \$285,000
Caldwell Banker, Jacob Frantz 486-1495
- 1545 Josephine St, 2+1/1** craftsman charmer, walk Gourmet Ghetto \$285,000
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460
- 2115 SPAULDING, 3bd/2ba** \$259,000
Caldwell Banker, Holly Rose 486-1495
- 2979 PIEDMONT, Berkeley 2bd/1ba** \$239,500
Caldwell Banker, Nancy Silver 486-1495
- 1195 EUCLID, Large fixer in the redwoods.** 4+bd/1+ba \$209,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 1712 CALIFORNIA, Newly listed!** 2bd cutie-pie, pretty yard \$205,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X122 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 2218 BROWNING, Terrific traditional,** light & bright \$169,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 2611 BENVENUE #4, Berkeley 2bd/1ba** \$149,000
Caldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495
- 1626 PRINCE ST, So. Berk.** 2bd/1ba total remodel, FHA/VA ready, \$129,000
new kitchen & bath. Agent 261-4556 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4
- EL CERRITO Open Sunday**
- 8400 BEL VIEW CT.** El Cerrito 5bd/4ba \$888,000
Caldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 2531 MIRA VISTA, Price reduced!** Spanish Med, vws, 6bd/3ba \$325,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 7543 STOCKTON, Views of the bay,** hdwds, huge yd, 2bd contemp \$259,000
Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Barbara Kaplan 273-9700 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- EMERYVILLE Open Sunday**
- 1286 61st, 3-story,** beautifully rehabbed home + in-law \$250,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- HERCULES Open Sunday**
- 106 AZALIA COURT, Hercules 3bd/2ba** \$182,000
Caldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
- KENSINGTON Open Sunday**
- 387 COVENTRY, Perfection & charm!** Tranquil garden \$319,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine 644-5495
- ORINDA Open Sunday**
- 19 WOODCREST, 4bd/2+ba,** tranquil setting, great loc!on! \$499,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jon Dunn 869-4215 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm**
- 33 BELLEVUE AV.** Stately 6bd/4+ba w/lovely patio, gardens, pool \$1,750,000
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460
- 36 CREST RD, 3+bd/2+ba** level-in, lovely condition, peaceful setting \$875,000
Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460
- 14 ABBOTT WAY, 4bd/4ba,** new listing! bay views, 4-car garage \$719,000
Pacific Union, Helen Danhaki 339-6460
- 55 TYSON CIRCLE, Fab home w/gorgeous** kit/fam rm, 3bd, great vw \$699,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Pal 339-0400
- 170 BELL AVE, SF & bay vws,** gourmet kitchen, 3/3 1/2, decks, patio \$695,000
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400
- 2 HIGHLAND AV.** Architectural gem, new kit, fam rm, mstr, gardens \$689,000
The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400
- 782 KINGSTON AVE, 1/4 acre** gardens, 6+bd/4 1/2ba, mstr w/frpl \$674,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Meyer 339-0400
- 65 WYNGAARD AVE.** Classic style & design, gracious entry stairway \$650,000
The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr 339-0400
- 310 RAMONA AVE.** All level, new designer kit, sunny patio & gardn \$529,000
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400
- 426 PALA, Just listed!** w/ 3bd/2ba, mstr w/frpl & city view \$479,900
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400
- 518 SCENIC AV, 3+bd/2+ba,** privacy, chrm, stunning nw kit, SF/bay vw \$469,000
Pacific Union, Martha Holstad 339-6460
- 80 PORTSMOUTH RD, 1/4 block** from Wildwood schools, 4+bd, deck \$449,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400
- 16 BLAIR AVE.** New listing! 2+1/1, elegant jewel, garden, gourmet ki \$429,000
Templeton Company, Nancy Moran 652-2133 X124
- 93 FAIRVIEW AVE, 3bd/2+ba** trad! incl mstr, kit level out to patio \$399,000
The GRUBB Company, Connie Rogers 339-0400
- 39 FAIRVIEW AVE.** Charming Edwardian, grt for share, in-law down \$395,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
- SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday**
- 1584 VIEW DRIVE, 3bd** \$354,976
Re/Max, Antonio 276-0621 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5
- 1958 LONGVIEW, 3bd** \$349,900
Rinetti & Company 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 2590 HUMBOLDT DR.** Bay-O Vista 4bd/2 1/2ba \$339,000
Gadsky & Associates, Leigh 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
- 566 DOWLING BL, 3bd** \$189,000
Rinetti & Company 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
- 14250 MARACAIPO, 3bd** \$189,000
Century 21 Korpi & Associates, Dorothy 276-2020 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 2519 GALLEON, 3/2 1/2 twnm,** many upgrades, tile entry, frpl, pool \$179,500
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- 1209 LUCILLE ST, 3bd** \$165,000
Century 21 Korpi & Associates, Joyce 276-2020 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5
- 128 CASTRO, Townhouse, 2bd** \$133,000
Deadrich Real Estate, Jerry & Mary 632-1234 OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

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How a marijuana habit forced Bob Payne onto the street.



He remembers like it was yesterday. His daughter, Lindsay, had supposedly stopped smoking marijuana since attending a self-help group during the past month. But on this night she seemed a little too eager to go to one of the meetings. So he decided to drive up there. Just to check.

Her car was nowhere to be found. So he drove by one of her friend's. And her car was parked out front.

"We refer to that day as Dark Thursday," says Bob. Because that's when Lindsay finally understood her marijuana problem was out of control.

Lindsay first smoked marijuana in 10th grade. She tried it to find out what it was like. And she found out she liked it a lot.

"I'd get high almost every day," she says. "In the morning. Skip classes to get high. After school, get high. I was in a different world."

And it was easy to get away with. Teachers didn't suspect it. Neither did her parents.

"I had no clue," says Bob. "Sure, I saw a change in Lindsay. She was always involved in sports, but lost interest. She dropped out of choir. But she always

"She'd been on the honor role," says Sue. "But then her grades started to slide. She started skipping classes. The spark was gone."

had a reason. So I just chalked it up to sophomore blues or whatever you want to call it. It went right over the top of my head."

Eventually, marijuana led to other drugs. Acid. Mushrooms. She was smoking "bud" every day, and tripping every weekend. Finally, she hit a wall.

"I treated my parents like crap. I had an attitude toward them. I lied to them. One day I said, I can't do this to them anymore."

So, with the help of a former drug addict who had spoken at her school, Lindsay resolved to end her problem.

One of the first steps was telling her parents. They were not prepared.

"Needless to say, I was a little bit devastated," says Lindsay's mom, Sue.

"I was very surprised. I really feel we were not parents with our heads in the sand. I just feel we were parents that didn't know how to detect it."

After enrolling Lindsay in two different substance abuse programs, the Paynes' life has been challenging. But ever since that Dark Thursday, it's also been hopeful.

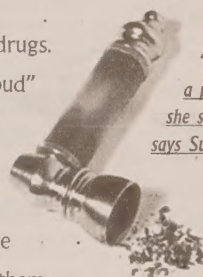
"I owe a lot to Bob's suspicious nature," says Sue. "Because if she had not been caught that night, according to her own admission, it might have been starting again."

"For 30 days after that, she was not allowed to hang out with anybody," adds Bob. "It was just school and home, school and

home. And she resigned herself to that fact. That 30 days

really helped the communication between us. We started to see the old Lindsay coming back."

Today, Lindsay's clean. She has a new set of friends. She's trying out for the softball team. And, as she puts it, the "sparkle" is back in her eye. But, as the entire Payne family will attest, she'll be challenged the rest of her life.



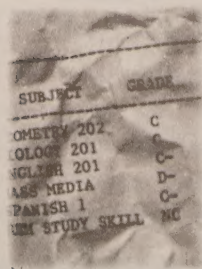
"One time I found a pipe, but of course she said it was not hers," says Sue. "I believed her."



According to a 1995 University of Michigan study, 15 percent of all 8th graders and over 28 percent of all 10th graders have tried marijuana within the last year.

"This sobriety period you have to take a day at a time, a day at a time," says Sue. "To get your self-esteem, to get your confidence back, takes a long time. My future for her right now is that she becomes a very strong gal. We're not out of the woods yet. But we are moving forward."

If you don't know the facts about marijuana, you need to. And then you need to talk to your kids. Before it's too late.



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